

5 September 2013

The Honorable Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McKeon:

I am writing today on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ to express our support for commonsense and comprehensive immigration reform, including a pathway to citizenship. As you may know \_\_\_\_\_ has a long history in the district, and we have seen firsthand the economic and emotional instability caused by our current broken system.

On June 27, 2013, Americans saw proof that it's still possible for bipartisanship to overcome political gridlock when 68 U.S. Senators, both Republicans and Democrats, voted overwhelmingly to reform our broken immigration system with a pathway to citizenship for immigrant families. The Senate recognized that fixing our immigration system is more than a moral imperative; the enactment of immigration reform in the short and long term is good for our economy, and would reduced the national debt. The independent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its score estimating that fixing our broken immigration system will reduce federal deficits by about \$200 billion over the next 10 years, and about \$700 billion in the second decade. The CBO also found that commonsense immigration reform will increase real GDP by 3.3% in 2023, and 5.4% in 2033. Lastly, the CBO indicates that S.744 would reduce undocumented immigration by 33-50%.

Immigration reform is one of those few issues in which most Californians agree. A Field Poll conducted in February shows that an extraordinary 90 percent of California voters now favor letting undocumented immigrants who have lived here for a number of years stay and become citizens if they have a job, learn English and pay back taxes. All Californians rely on their Congress members to represent them responsibly. This foremost includes tackling the most difficult challenges facing our nation, like reforming our immigration laws. We need you to show real leadership and political courage on this important issue.

Californians are known for hard work, ingenuity and pragmatism. Nowhere is this truer than here in the 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. We tackle problems head on. Today we ask you to share these California values with your colleagues in Congress and urge you to take a vote on the pathway to citizenship in the House of Representatives this summer. 11 million workers, small business owners, along with their family and colleagues are counting on your leadership.

Sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_