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President Obama Plans Action in Response to Speaker Boehner's Refusal to Call a Vote on Immigration Reform

Washington, DC – Today, President Obama announced that he will take executive action to reform our immigration system. The President's remarks came after House Speaker Boehner told him that the House would not pursue a vote this year on much-needed immigration reform. This refusal to address our immigration crisis hurts our economy and the 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States, including 1 million or more farmworkers.

"Farmworker Justice commends the President's commitment to take administrative action to reform our broken immigration system. Hundreds of thousands of farmworkers who labor to put food on our tables suffer each day because they are unable to secure authorized immigration status," said Bruce Goldstein, president of Farmworker Justice. "We urge President Obama to act boldly and to provide affirmative relief for undocumented farmworkers and other undocumented immigrants with strong ties to the U.S."

"The refusal of the Speaker to bring comprehensive immigration reform to a vote hurts farmworkers, farm operators, our food system and our country. While it is now critical that the President take action, only comprehensive legislation will truly fix our immigration system. Speaker Boehner's inaction is irresponsible and inhumane. Once again he has chosen to put politics over the needs of workers and our economy," said Goldstein.

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