



## **(Frente Unido Pro Inmigrantes)**

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Honorable Mr. President Elect Barack Obama:

We, the undersigned, prominent leaders of community organizations in Chicago and the State of Illinois, congratulate you for your historic election as the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States and at the same time take this opportunity to petition you to issue two urgent executive orders.

One, to reinstate 245 (i) which calls for Family Unity, and two, an order to immediately halt all Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids at workplaces by Homeland Security.

It is our understanding that you will soon consider and issue some very important executive orders. We agree with your effort to move our country on a new direction and support your early measures of government. Under this spirit of change and "yes we can", we appeal to the highest office of the United States of America to provide relief to the 12 million undocumented immigrants and their families by issuing these two executive orders:

1. 245 (i) is a provision of our immigration laws that will allow thousands of families to adjust their status across the country. The last extension was in 2001. We are talking about the spouses and children

2. Of U.S. citizens. These beneficiaries will pay a fine and will be able to have their visa interview in their city of residency. There is also a component that permits qualified workers to apply for legal residence.
2. Stop all ICE raids until an immigration reform is enacted. This provision would eliminate the anguish and panic that millions of families suffer in our communities nationwide.

In our closing, we also kindly request that your administration promptly appoints a Blue Ribbon Commission to initiate formulating policy towards a new comprehensive legislative immigration bill at the start of the year 2009.

We fully support you as you embark to lead our nation for the next four years.

Sincerely,

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