



# IMMIGRATION ACTION ALERT!

## Senate Compromise Erodes Family Unity!

The Senate is slated to present a compromise agreement this week after Senator Kennedy (D-MA) negotiated with the White House and the Republican party. The Senate bill offers a legalization component, but guts the family-based visa system as we know it.

### **BILL HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ❑ Legalization for those present in the U.S. before January 1, 2007.
- ❑ Elimination of certain family visas—that means that U.S. citizens and legal permanent resident will not be able to petition parents or adult children
- ❑ A new merit-based visa program where people will only be allowed to enter the U.S. based on criteria including: ability to speak English, educational attainment, and employment.
- ❑ A new guest worker program that creates a permanent underclass of workers with virtually no access to citizenship which will lead to further exploitation of native and foreign-born workers
- ❑ Triggers which do not allow the legalization component to be implemented until border security and interior enforcement measures are implemented.



**OUR FAMILIES CAN'T WAIT ANYMORE! We Need Fair and Humane Immigration Reform that includes:**

- ❑ Legalization with a Path to Citizenship for the 12 million undocumented people in our country
- ❑ Family Unity and an End to the Backlog
- ❑ Worker Rights Protections for ALL current and future workers
- ❑ Civil Liberties and Due Process for ALL people

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May 22 - May 25  
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**Tell your Senators:**

**“Comprehensive Immigration Reform Needs to Put Families First! Families need legalization with a path to citizenship and an end to the backlog!”**