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**Nebraskans Join Delegation of Nearly 500 to Show Broad Support for
Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

Historic Trip Brings Faith, Immigrant, Business, and Other Leaders to Capitol Hill

Today several Nebraskans joined a delegation of nearly 500 people with diverse backgrounds from across the country for a momentous day of Congressional visits and an urgent call for comprehensive immigration reform. Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest and Omaha Catholic Charities sent representatives and brought perspectives from local business and economic development leaders to the Capitol as a part of FIRM, the Fair Immigration Reform Movement, a national coalition of grassroots organizations.

This is a unique delegation of immigrant leaders and their allies including business leaders, youth, local elected officials, faith leaders, and local law enforcement from twenty-three states reflects the broad-based support for reform. They will meet with one hundred and fifty Congressional offices to share the concerns, experiences, and concrete policy recommendations from those who are directly impacted by immigration policies.

“Nebraska can’t afford to wait any longer to fix our broken immigration system,” said Darcy Tromanhauser, Director of the Immigrant Integration and Civic Participation Program at Nebraska Appleseed. “Immigrants are a major asset and opportunity for our state’s future. We need comprehensive reform that will unite families, strengthen America, protect all workers, and provide an earned path to citizenship for those who are working, living, and paying taxes in our communities.”

Now is the time to pass comprehensive immigration reform. Every day without comprehensive immigration reform is another day that families are torn apart by raids, that people risk their lives on the border, that families wait to be reunited with their loved ones, and that the U.S. spends countless millions of dollars and valuable resources on a broken immigration system. This is a historic moment, when immigrants and their local partners are uniting to stand FIRM for comprehensive immigration reform.

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