

# C-U IMMIGRATION FORUM

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## **Light the Path to Citizenship, Don't Block It!**

*A National Day of Action – April 10, 2013*

March 27, 2013

Dear Friend,

The November elections reset the national debate on immigration reform forcing even the most ardent opponents of immigration reform to reconsider their position. As a result there is a narrow window of opportunity to make Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR) a reality and provide a pathway to citizenship for millions of our family, friends and neighbors.

But we must act now!

In the coming weeks several proposals for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR) are expected to be introduced in Congress. In response, organizations across the country have targeted Wednesday April 10 as a National Day of Action to build support for CIR.

Locally, the Champaign-Urbana Immigration Forum is organizing a local vigil to demonstrate to our elected officials that we want comprehensive immigration reform that not only provides a 'pathway to citizenship' but rejects efforts to tie such reform to vague requirements such as certifying that we have 'secured the border' or which criminalize immigrants in our community.

To maximize its impact, the C-U Immigration Forum is seeking your organization's support for a march and vigil on April 10 called – ***"Light the Path to Citizenship – Don't Block It!"***

This event will begin at 5:30 PM at the University Y (1001 South Wright Street). From there we will march to the Unitarian Universalist Church, home of the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (ECIRMAC) at 309 West Green, Urbana for a brief rally before proceeding to the federal Courthouse in downtown Urbana. We anticipate the event will conclude around 7 PM.

There are a variety of ways your congregation can lend its support. We have enclosed a response form with this letter or you can complete your response at this link – [April 10 RSVP](#).

If you have any questions feel free to contact one of our April 10 vigil coordinators Jesse Magana ([magana4@illinois.edu](mailto:magana4@illinois.edu)) or Francisco Baires ([francisco@universityymca.org](mailto:francisco@universityymca.org)).

Thanks for your support!

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Endorsement Form

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Name of Organization/Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***We support efforts for Comprehensive Immigration Reform and are willing to:***

- Please list us as a supporting organization of the local march and vigil on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- We would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward the costs of this event.
- We will help publicize this event among our members, please email materials to contact person.
- We can provide a van/car to return marchers to the Y after the event.

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Please return via mail or fax the completed form to:

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