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Congressman Gary Miller's Statement on Amnesty Legislation

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) introduced the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act of 2009 (CIR ASAP). Among its questionable provisions, the legislation is expected to grant amnesty for those illegally in the country, outline family reunification policies, push for the controversial AgJOBS program, and eliminate the 287(g) program. Following the introduction of this bill, Congressman Gary Miller issued the following statement:

“Today's introduction of amnesty legislation once again displays the breadth of Congressional Democrats' misguided and out-of-touch policies. With over 15 million Americans unemployed and seven million illegals employed, amnesty legislation is an affront to American citizens and legal residents. It is simply wrong to award citizenship to those that have recklessly disregarded our nation's immigration laws.

“Rather than enacting a 'comprehensive' plan that would put illegals on a path to citizenship, I believe that Congress must take an enforcement-first approach to solving our nation's immigration and border security. To this end, my bill, the Loophole Elimination and Verification Enforcement Act, will stem the inflow of illegal aliens by securing our borders, denying access to American jobs, and closing loopholes in our government programs that provide access to benefits. With an enforcement strategy, the United States could reduce the illegal population by as many as 1.5 million each year, which would more than halve our current illegal alien population in five years. By securing the border and ending the job magnet, illegals will lack incentives to cross the border and the illegal alien population will begin to dwindle.”

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