

## **The Financial Argument for Immigration Reform**

El Comité de Longmont is a grassroots organization that helps immigrants and non-immigrants in Longmont and Boulder Counties and surrounding communities. Although small, we serve about 200 clients per month. The majority of our clients are Latinos and have worked hard to provide for their families and contribute to the local economy and their community. Some have waited years for immigration reform to take place.

Immigration reform is a critical element of our economic recovery. It is undeniable that jobs and the economy are the leading concerns for our state. A broken immigration system impacts our economy and budgets at all levels of government, and fixing it can level the playing field for workers, taxpayers, and honest employers. The 3.6 percent of our workforce that is made up of undocumented workers contributes to the gross state product, produces tax revenue, and would contribute even more if they were able to earn citizenship. According to the Center for American Progress, the undocumented workforce of Colorado generated \$1.3 billion in tax revenues in 2010. That tax revenue would increase by \$297 million if the undocumented workforce in Colorado was able to get into a newly created line for them to earn the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

In fact, did you know that Colorado would lose \$8 billion in economic activity, \$3.6 billion in gross state product and 39,000 jobs if all unauthorized immigrants were removed? There remains little doubt that support for immigration reform is in every Colorado resident's best interest.

Please act today to show your support for immigration reform and call our Colorado legislators: Senator Mark Udall Senator Michael Bennet Congressman Cory Gardner using 1-877-746-2575 in English or 1-888-436-2575 in Spanish.

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