



America deserves a more just and democratic immigration system that protects the interests of all workers – both immigrant and U. S. born.

HR 4437, known as enforcement-only legislation, passed the United States House of Representatives in December. It would immediately criminalize 11 to 12 million undocumented immigrants working in the U.S.

Members of the U. S. Senate passed S2611, the Comprehensive Reform Act of 2006 in May. The proposal includes two key worker related components: 1) various paths to citizenship for an uncertain number of immigrants already working in the U.S., and 2) a new guest worker program (for 200,000 temporary non-agricultural workers to enter the U.S. legally and safely to fill jobs with employers who attest they cannot find American workers) plus an expanded reformed agricultural guest worker program.

IWJ has consistently supported a clear path to citizenship and family reunification for immigrant workers in the U.S. as well as workplace protections for all workers within our borders – immigrants and U.S.-born workers alike.

As people of faith, we recognize and honor the social and economic contributions made by immigrant workers. We believe that all workers must enjoy basic human rights, civil rights, and labor rights, regardless of their national origin or immigration status.

Immigration Reform Status in Congress

Months of growing grassroots pressure for immigrants' rights and against proposed harsh measures have opened new avenues of struggle for a fair and humane approach to immigration reform.

A recent movement led by immigrant communities and friends in response to anti-immigrant legislation (sponsored by Wisconsin Congressman James Sensenbrenner – HR 4437) resulted in massive turnouts protesting the bill in more than 100 cities. Unprecedented numbers of people rallied in Chicago, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Phoenix, and Washington D.C.

What You Can Do To Support Humane U.S. Immigration Reform Law

- 1. Contact your Representative and Senators.** Your voice is essential for lawmakers to hear in the coming weeks. Even if you've never before contacted your Congressional Representative and two Senators in Washington, D.C., please do so now.

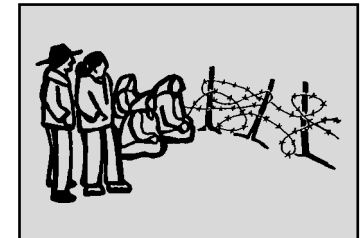
Visit (www.iwj.org) to print a sample letter to mail your members of Congress or to send an email asking them to:

Oppose amendments to criminalize hard-working undocumented workers already in the U.S. and

Support an "earned path" to citizenship for immigrant workers already in the United States and an unencumbered family reunification process, and

Support strong enforceable remedies against companies that violate employment and labor laws for immigrant workers.

- 2. Pray for humane comprehensive immigration reform that lifts up the human rights of God's hard-working immigrant workers.**



- 3. Organize a religious delegation to meet with your representative during an upcoming congressional recess. See www.house.gov/house/2006_House_Calendar.shtml.**