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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S COMPREHENSIVE
IMMIGRATION PROPOSAL**

President Obama put forward a plan for comprehensive immigration reform today that will build our nation's economic competitiveness and create a pathway for citizenship for millions of undocumented immigrants across the country. The President's proposals will allow the individuals we train in our world-class institutions to develop new technologies and create jobs in our own country rather than overseas. They will allow families to stay together and millions of our neighbors to step out of the shadows and into active roles in our communities. I am encouraged by the bipartisan support the President has received in Congress for his proposals and it is my hope that lawmakers will take quick action.

As Mayor of Chicago, I am committed to making Chicago the most immigrant friendly city in the nation. From our support for the Illinois DREAM ACT, to making driver's licenses available to all residents, to establishing initiatives that promote immigrant businesses and citizenship, we are creating more opportunities for immigrants to pursue their dreams. Chicago was built on the shoulders of immigrants and we see that same immigrant spirit strengthening our City today.

I applaud President Obama for putting these comprehensive immigration reforms forward. They will not only help Chicago's economy and communities to grow, they will provide families and students across the country a better chance to achieve the American dream.

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