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Statement of LIUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan on Immigration Reform and Homeland Security

Washington, D.C. (Feb. 3, 2015) – We are proud that Democrats and Republicans in the U.S. Senate rejected the attempt to hold the Department of Homeland Security hostage in order to reverse President Obama's executive order on immigration. Protecting immigrants from exploitation and uncalled-for deportation honors the spirit and principle of our nation and can help raise living standards for all workers.

Congress should focus on the country's needs. That means funding the Department of Homeland Security and passing true comprehensive immigration reform – rather than using either in a repulsive political game.

As an organization founded by immigrants, LIUNA has long been a fierce advocate for comprehensive immigration reform which secures our borders, provides a path to citizenship, levels the playing field for honest employers and allows everyone in America – immigrants and non-immigrants – to work free from harassment, intimidation or exploitation.

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