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Dear Friends,

One year ago today, President Obama announced a [series of actions](#) consistent with current laws to reform as much of our broken immigration system as possible. Since then, the Administration implemented many of these actions. And today, these actions are supporting families, improving accountability in our immigration system, strengthening our national security and our economy, and building on our past efforts to enforce immigration laws with common sense and compassion.

To mark the one year anniversary, Cecilia Muñoz, Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council authored this [blog](#). Take a moment to check it out and [click here](#) for the Spanish version.

Through these actions, the Department of Homeland Security is concentrating its limited enforcement resources on removing convicted criminals and recent border crossers – rather than breaking up families who have been living and working in our communities for years.

Deferred action policies are a well-established feature of the immigration system, and the Administration will continue fighting to implement these new policies. The Department of Justice has [filed a petition](#) seeking review from the Supreme Court of the United States to allow the policies to move forward. Presidents of both parties have taken executive action to address immigration issues for the past half century. The use of deferred action is a well-established feature of the immigration system that has been recognized by the Supreme Court and Congress.

Check out and share the latest information card on [Immigration Action Moving Forward](#):



Additionally, the Administration is moving forward on the other components of our

executive actions by strengthening our engagement with local law enforcement and streamlining our legal immigration system.

The newly established [White House Task Force on New Americans](#) also continues to take tangible steps to build welcoming communities that focus on integrating immigrants and refugees. Moreover, the White House is raising awareness about the rights and responsibility of U.S. citizenship through the [“Stand Stronger”](#) Citizenship Campaign.

### **Administration Updates:**

#### **Statement of Administration Policy**

On November 18th, the White House issued a Statement of Administration Policy against H.R. 4038 or the American SAFE Act of 2015, which introduces unnecessary and impractical requirements that would unacceptably hamper our efforts to assist some of the most vulnerable people in the world, many of whom are victims of terrorism, and would undermine our partners in the Middle East and Europe in addressing the Syrian refugee crisis. You can read the entire statement [here](#).

#### **USCIS Offers Civics Practice Test in Spanish**

This week, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) launched an [online Spanish-language civics practice test](#), joining the [English version](#) released earlier this year. The questions are presented in English with Spanish subtitles and focus on basic U.S. government and history topics. The goal is to help Spanish-speaking lawful permanent residents studying for the naturalization test with retaining the information and gaining a firmer grasp of English.

The civics test is normally conducted in English; however, certain applicants may be eligible to take the civics test in the language of their choice due to age and time as a permanent resident, a disability, or [other exceptions and accommodations](#).

### **ICYMI:**

Last month, the President spoke about the successful progress our country has made on a variety of issues effecting the greater Latino community to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's Annual Awards Gala. You can watch the President's speech [here](#).

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