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Dear CBS Producers:

As leaders in the fight to enact comprehensive immigration reform, we urge you to address the issue of immigration in the final presidential debate this week.

While the next President of the United States will have to deal with many pressing challenges, comprehensive immigration reform is a national priority. The American people are frustrated with the status quo and hunger for a practical solution that will bring undocumented workers out of the shadows and restore the rule of law. Unfortunately, the issue has not been mentioned in either of the Presidential debates thus far.

We urge you to address this issue in the final debate because the American people need to know how the two candidates plan to resolve undocumented immigration, and whether this will be a real priority for the next Administration. We need to know where each candidate stands on the important issues of border enforcement, visa reforms, and addressing the status of undocumented workers. We also need to know their timelines for moving forward on this important issue.

Thank you for considering our views as you prepare for the final Presidential debate.

Sincerely,

American Immigration Lawyers Association  
American Jewish Committee  
America's Voice  
Asian American Justice Center  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)  
Democracia Ahora (501C-4)  
The Episcopal Church  
EsTiempoDeVotar - Latino GOTV 501c3  
The Fair Immigration Reform Movement, a project of the Center for Community Change  
Gamaliel Foundation  
Hispanic Coalition for Comprehensive Immigration Reform  
Immigration Policy Center  
Irish Apostolate USA  
Judson Memorial Church  
Korean American Resource & Cultural Center, Chicago, IL  
Korean Resource Center, Los Angeles, CA  
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights  
League of United Latin American Citizens  
Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition  
Mennonite Central Committee Washington Office  
National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund  
National Council of La Raza  
National Day Laborer Organizing Network

National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference  
National Immigration Forum  
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)  
The New York Immigration Coalition  
Northwest Federation of Community Organizations  
Standing For Truth Foundation  
Washington Community Action Network