

PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION MOTION

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

Comprehensive immigration reform, creating legal and orderly processes for people who want to come to the United States to work in trade and tourism-dependent businesses, is part of the economic recovery process.

The Port of Seattle's success is tied to the success of our people and institutions. Economic recovery will take the joint efforts of all our current and future citizens, native and naturalized alike, and documented workers, to establish new businesses and expand trade and commerce. Comprehensive immigration reform would help ensure all people in the United States are contributing fully to the formal economy as is essential to a nation of laws.

The Port of Seattle Commission views the passage of comprehensive immigration reform as an urgent matter of national economic and security policy and urges Congress to take up this matter.

COMMISSION MOTION

The Port of Seattle Commission hereby states its support for comprehensive immigration reform and supports an approach to immigration reform providing for a regulated, orderly, safe and secure system of immigration into the United States that:

- a) addresses fairly and realistically the status of undocumented workers in the United States;
- b) creates legal and orderly processes for workers and their immediate families to enter the United States;
- c) protects U.S. and immigrant workers and good faith businesses by protecting all workers' rights and utilizes a verification system that is accurate, effective and efficient;
- d) increases security and safety along our nation's borders;
- e) protects fundamental rights for all in our immigration system; and
- f) promotes immigrant integration.