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Latino Policy Forum Urges Senator Durbin and President Biden to Protect Parole Power

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CHICAGO — Today, the Latino Policy Forum joined fellow members of the [Illinois Latino Agenda \(ILA\)](#) and the [Work Permits for All Campaign](#), along with the [American Business Immigration Coalition \(ABIC\)](#), to meet with Senator Dick Durbin to urge him to do everything in his power to keep President Biden from negotiating away parole, which grants permission to certain noncitizens to temporarily stay in the United States.

Latino Policy Forum President and CEO, Sylvia Puente, thanked Senator Durbin for his history of support for immigrants and expressed that long-term undocumented immigrants, their families, and community members feel increasingly left behind by the Biden administration. **“The federal government must meet the urgency and desperate need of New Arrivals from Venezuela and Ukraine to be safe, but many of our family, friends, and community members have lived in that same fear for decades. They also deserve legal respite,”** said Puente. **“Instead of ceding the power of the White House, we urge President Biden to exercise the authority he was elected to use to help people who have made immeasurable contributions to our economy and communities.”**

In addition to urging the President to protect his parole power in budget negotiations, Puente also asked Senator Durbin to protect the right of due process and halt expedited removal so that immigrants in detention proceedings can defend their rights, and to publicly support advocates’ call for the President to use his parole powers to extend immigration relief to long-term undocumented immigrants.

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About the Latino Policy Forum

The Latino Policy Forum is the only organization in the Chicago area that facilitates the involvement of Latinos at all levels of public decision-making. The Forum conducts analysis to inform, influence and lead. Its goals are to improve education outcomes, advocate for affordable housing, promote just immigration policies, and engage diverse sectors of the community, with an understanding that advancing Latinos advances a shared future. For more information, visit www.latinopolicyforum.org.