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Regarding Governor Snyder's State of the State Comments on Immigration

(Lansing) – Michigan Catholic Conference released the following statement this evening regarding Governor Rick Snyder's comments on immigration during his State of the State Address:

“By elevating the importance of the issue by way of his State of the State Address, Governor Snyder has made clear that immigration is a topic that cannot be ignored either at the state or federal level. Proposing an Office for New Americans is an innovative idea that will help elevate the competitiveness of Michigan. As discussions of this proposal move forward, Michigan Catholic Conference is mindful of the fact that all persons, regardless of citizenship, must be respected for their inherent human dignity. To this point, we urge Congress to address comprehensive immigration reform sooner rather than later and for the Michigan congressional delegation to contribute toward its passage.”

Michigan Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in this state.

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