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MINER ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR EXECUTIVE ORDER ON IMMIGRATION

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced today her support of President Barack Obama’s newly announced executive order to address the needs of millions of undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States.

“Last night we heard President Obama detail a plan which will make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “Reforming our immigration system remains one of our nation’s greatest challenges. Today we can see some relief for the millions of Americans who call our country home but are forced to live in the shadows. The President’s approach will provide stability for families who have been in America for years, prevent parents from being taken out of the home, and ensure that children are not treated like criminals.”

Mayor Miner has been a national leader on the issue of immigration. In the summer of 2014, she wrote to President Obama offering support to bringing unaccompanied minors displaced from the Southern border to Syracuse after representatives from federal agencies visited the community. Her action brought Syracuse national exposure. The federal government ultimately decided against expanding shelters anywhere in the nation.

“America has always been a nation made up of immigrants and, as we look to our future, we need to ensure those individuals who come from across the globe can make a home in communities like Syracuse,” added **Mayor Miner**. “Immigration transcends politics; at the core of this issue, it is about giving everyone—native or migrant, legal or undocumented—basic human dignity.”

The City of Syracuse has a lengthy history of being welcoming to immigrants, first from Western and then Central Europe and now largely from Southeast Asia and Africa. In the last decade, the City has become home to over 7,000 resettled refugees from all corners of the globe.

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