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## **SEIU HCWI Applauds Senator Baldwin for Vote in Favor of Path to Citizenship**

*Senate Immigration Bill Passes with Bipartisan Support, One Step  
Closer to Fixing Broken System*

**MILWAUKEE:** Today, Senator Tammy Baldwin cast a critical vote to pass historic immigration reform legislation. The bill cleared the Senate with a bipartisan majority of 68-32.

SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin and other leading immigrant advocates have been fighting for a path to citizenship for 11 million aspiring Americans for years, and now is the time to pass a law that fixes our country's broken immigration system once and for all. While this bill is far from ideal, the path to citizenship—the heart of this bill—is largely intact and will provide relief for millions of immigrant families around the country.

“Today’s vote has been long overdue. It’s been 27 long years since the last immigration reform law was passed in our country. 27 years since millions of immigrants were given even a *glimpse* of hope for a pathway to citizenship,” said Dian Palmer, president of SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin. “This hope took a giant step forward today when the Senate passed S.744, the historic bipartisan immigration reform bill.”

Republicans in the House under Speaker Boehner’s leadership must realize that the American people are on the side of reform and want to see Congress solve this problem. They must find a way forward to make a pathway to citizenship for millions a reality. Thanks to support from Senators like Tammy Baldwin and her colleagues on both sides of the aisle, there is now even more pressure on the House to get on board and fix our broken immigration system, once and for all.

“I left my home country due to horrific conditions. Since that day I’ve worked my way up from nothing,” said Ramon Argondola, SEIU HCWI member. “But not all my friends and family have been so lucky. Many fear deportation and having their families torn apart. I applaud Senator Baldwin for standing with us and ask the House to act immediately to keep families together and provide a path to citizenship.”

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