## PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - President Obama's Immigration Speech Highlights Key Principles at the Heart of Immigration Reform.

Ridgewood, NJ - Today, President Obama called for common sense, comprehensive immigration reform, saying unequivocally that now is the time for action. He noted that most Americans agree that it is time to "fix the system that has been broken for way too long" and that immigration reform will strengthen our economy and our nation's future.

We applaud the President's commitment to key principles at the heart of meaningful immigration reform, starting with an earned path to legal status that eventually could be converted to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented in our communities, and including:

- 1. Eliminating the extremely long wait times for families to be reunited with loved ones with temporary and permanent reforms to the family-based immigration system.
- 2. Treating same-sex families just like other families.
- 3. Eliminating long wait times for employers and prospective employees by reducing backlogs and adding visas.
- 4. Granting green cards to graduates in science, technology, engineering and math fields, creating a "start-up visa" for job-creating entrepreneurs, and expanding opportunities for investors contributing to U.S. economic development.
- 5. Expediting an opportunity for DREAMers to earn their citizenship.
- 6. Investing in our immigration courts and providing greater protections for those least able to represent themselves.
- 7. Providing broader discretion to judges to help keep families together when they face hardship.
- 8. Imposing tough criminal penalties on notaries who prey on vulnerable immigrants.

"We are moved by the passion in the President's speech about his plans for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. He reminded us that we are a nation of immigrants and that this is the strength of our Country's legacy. We are pleased to be a part of this historic initiative." said David H. Nachman, Esq., one of the Managing Attorneys at Nachman Phulwani Zimovcak (NPZ) Law Group, P.C., an international immigration law office with offices in NY, NJ and an affiliated office in Mumbai, India.



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