

# MOSES & Gamaliel of Michigan

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## MOSES, Allies Across Michigan, Rally at Capitol to Reform Immigration

June 16, 2009 (Lansing) – MOSES (Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength) and allies from across the state, including the United Food and Commercial Workers rallied in Lansing today to demand comprehensive reform of the immigration system.

“The immigration system is broken,” said Odilia Avellaneda, Co-Chair of MOSES’ Immigration Reform Task Force, “and comprehensive reform is the only practical solution. America does not want families to be torn apart or workers to be abused. Congress must act now.”

MOSES and it’s allies, as part of the Reform Immigration FOR America Campaign, called for comprehensive immigration reform that:

- Creates an earned path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are willing to register with the government, pay a fine, satisfy a background check, learn English, continue to work and pay taxes.
- Allocates enough visas to close off illegal migration channels.
- Enhances border security by focusing on real threats to our nation’s safety .
- Protects US and immigrant workers from unscrupulous employers.

“Too many employers take advantage of our broken immigration system to exploit US *and* immigrant workers,” Avellaneda continued, “To get our economy back on track, all workers must have the same rights and protections.”

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The Gamaliel Foundation is a nationwide network of congregation-centered community organizing projects. More than sixty congregations participate in MOSES, Gamaliel's Detroit affiliate. Other congregations across Michigan participate in Gamaliel, including Grand Rapids, Lansing, Saginaw, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

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