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Cecilia Munoz: A Very Strong Choice for the Domestic Policy Council

WASHINGTON, DC - The nation is fortunate that Cecilia Munoz is assuming the role of Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. Cecilia is a lifelong advocate for justice and opportunity for immigrant families. While at Catholic Charities in Chicago in the 1980s, she helped thousands of families under the Reagan era legalization program. Later, as a senior vice president at the National Council of La Raza, Cecilia was a tireless defender of low-income children and families and a leader in the community of human needs advocates. Her work was recognized by the MacArthur Foundation in 2000, when she received one of their prestigious Fellowships (commonly known as the MacArthur "genius" grants) for her human rights achievements. She has continued her advocacy as the Obama Administration's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, and will have even more opportunities in this new and important appointment.

I know I am joined by a great many human needs advocates in boundless admiration for Cecilia Munoz, and confidence that her work at the Domestic Policy Council will be marked by her deep concern for the millions of American families struggling to climb into the middle class, or not fall out of it. An essential part of that concern is Cecilia's commitment to tear down barriers now preventing millions of immigrants from full inclusion in the American community. We share these goals, and look forward to working with Cecilia and the Obama Administration to bring them closer to realization.