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Last night President Obama announced that he is taking executive action on a workable, humane, comprehensive immigration reform.

This act by our president is an unprecedented step to enact an immigration reform that creates a fair roadmap to citizenship for millions of immigrants who are eagerly waiting to contribute to the American fabric. They are members of our West New York community and churches, and they are our friends and family members. They are also hard workers who came to communities such as ours to build a better life for their families.

As a son of a migrant family, and an immigrant myself, I am well aware the struggles and the plights of the migrant community. My parents left Cuba in 1967 escaping communism, both doctors with no money and five children. They however, believed in the American dream, and instilled in us the determination, hard work ethic, and love for country that played a key role in my decision to serve in the United States Army for 36 years and becoming a doctor.

I stand by President's Obama proposal, which will deter illegal immigration, protect and complement our U.S. workforce, and better respond to changing demographic needs, while respecting family unity.

In West New York, our immigrant communities have contributed to our success, enabling us to become a stronger and vibrant community.

Mayor Felix E. Roque