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New Report Highlights Economic Impact of Immigrants in Ohio

Local leaders convene for National Day of Action

Columbus, Ohio —Community leaders in Ohio today convened to showcase the latest report on the contributions of immigrants to Ohio. The event is part of a *Day of Action* taking place in all 50 states that aims to raise awareness of the positive contributions by New Americans to our country.

The new report, which was released by the Partnership for a New American Economy (NAE), showcases data on the foreign-born population in Ohio, including tax contributions, spending power, and their role in Ohio's key industries as leaders and job creators. Today, NAE will also launch a new mobile tool that allows users to raise awareness about the positive economic impact of immigrants by sharing their personal stories through video recordings.

"The New American population has grown exponentially over the past few decades, spurring economic growth and creating jobs," said Lilly Cavanaugh, Executive Director for the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission. "Immigrants represent a key investment opportunity to solidify our state's economic growth."

"The importance of embracing Ohio's growing New American community cannot be overstated. Immigrants add value to the overall well-being of Ohio, and are proud to become part of the fabric of this great state," added Dr. Yung-Chen Lu, Founder of the Ohio Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council.

According to the report -- ***The Contributions of New Americans in Ohio*** -- immigrants contributed \$4.4 billion in taxes in 2014 and their total income was \$15.6 billion, or 5.2 percent of all earnings in the state. Although immigrants are only 4 percent of the state's population, they comprise 7 percent of all entrepreneurs in the state, and play a large role in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields - a major component of U.S. economic growth.

These and other key statistics on immigrants in Ohio can be found in the NAE report [here](#).

The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission and the Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council are pleased to share this report in conjunction with the Ohio Welcoming Initiatives Network (OWIN), a network including Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, City of Columbus Department of Neighborhoods New American Initiative, Global Cleveland, International Institute of Akron, Welcome Dayton and Welcome Toledo-Lucas County. OWIN supports and strengthens local initiatives to ensure that Ohio welcomes, integrates and sustains immigrant communities, increasing the economic, civic and cultural benefits for all.

About the Partnership for a New American Economy

The Partnership for a New American Economy brings together more than 500 Republican, Democratic and Independent mayors and business leaders who support immigration reforms that will help create jobs for Americans today. The Partnership's members include mayors of more than 35 million people nationwide and business leaders of companies that generate more than \$1.5 trillion and employ more than 4 million people across all sectors of the economy, from Agriculture to Aerospace, Hospitality to High Tech and Media to Manufacturing. Partnership members understand that immigration is essential to maintaining the productive, diverse and flexible workforce that America needs to ensure prosperity over the coming generations. Learn more at www.RenewOurEconomy.org.