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Ms. Izsák, Ms. Ruteere and Mr. Mr.Crepéau:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act (HB 56) and your follow-up inquiry regarding Mr. Crepeau's correspondence raising similar laws in other states and progress on comprehensive federal legislation referred to as the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act). We regret the delay in our response and assure you that the United States is strongly committed to the protection of human rights of all persons, including migrants, in the United States. As you are likely aware, the Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act and similar state-level laws are currently in litigation in federal courts throughout the country, including litigation involving the United States of America. We will be unable to comment on the substance of these cases until such litigation is completed, but we assure you that we are reviewing and coordinating with relevant United States Government agencies and hope to provide a response as soon as feasible. We would further underscore that the Administration is committed to the goal of advancing comprehensive immigration reform, as outlined by President Obama in January of this year (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/photos-and-video/video/2013/01/29/president-obama-speaks-comprehensive-immigration-reform#transcript>).

Sincerely,

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Deputy Permanent Representative

