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**Media Alert:**

**Immigration Activists stop in Chicago, Visit U.S. Representatives on Bus Tour to Washington DC**

*Gamaliel ally, Asamblea de Derechos Civiles, take another ride to Capitol Hill in order to urge comprehensive immigration reform*

On Monday, June 16 Asamblea de Derechos Civiles (Assembly for Civil Rights), will stop in Chicago en route to Capitol Hill from Minnesota on a “bus trip for emancipation.”

The visit comes just a day after the two-year anniversary of the Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was implemented. Of the 50 who will be traveling on the bus, a good number are DACA students.

“The bus trip for Emancipation is the continuation of the Civil Rights Movement. Juneteenth, Emancipation Day, has been a day to celebrate the beginning of the end of slavery,” says Pablo Tapia, Asamblea co-founder. “It is an embarrassment, however, that there are more than 11-million people in this country subject to an oppressive immigration system that enslaves, persecutes, and abuses them.”

Asamblea is pushing for further reform that will create a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented people currently in this country and an end to deportations.

After Chicago, the bus continues to South Bend, Ind., Ohio, and Washington, D.C. They plan to visit the district offices of U.S. Reps. Sensenbrenner, Gutierrez, and Boehner. They will reach DC June 18 where they will be joined by Gamaliel organizations from all over the country.

Actions will be held in South Bend, Indiana with the Indiana Organizing Project (IOP), at the office of Speaker Boehner in Ohio, and at the White House. They also expect to meet with Minnesota’s senators, the Congressional Progressive Caucus and other legislative and executive leaders and staff.

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*Asamblea de Derechos Civiles* ([asamblea-mn.org](http://asamblea-mn.org)) is a statewide, faith-based organization which organizes immigrants from predominantly Latino congregations to build power to change the immigration system and the underlying political and economic structures behind it.

*Gamaliel* ([Gamaliel.org](http://Gamaliel.org)) is a grassroots network of non-partisan, faith-based organizations in 17 U.S. states, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Gamaliel organizes to empower ordinary people to effectively participate in the political, environmental, social and economic decisions affecting their lives. Gamaliel's diverse members apply their faith and values to the pursuit of equal opportunity for all, shared abundance, and stronger, more prosperous communities.