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**STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK ON  
PRESIDENT OBAMA’S EXECUTIVE ACTION ON  
IMMIGRATION**

BOSTON – Thursday, November 20, 2014– Governor Deval Patrick today released the following statement on President Obama’s Executive Action on immigration:

"I am grateful for the President's leadership. By calling for action on comprehensive reform legislation, he has not ignored the Congress's authority, and by using his executive authority as he has, he has not ignored his own."

"America's enduring strength is her appeal to the hunger in the human heart for freedom, equality, opportunity, and fair play. That has brought aspirants to our shores for centuries, to renew and replenish our culture and our economy. We need to fix the rules that govern how they come and deal with the reality that, in the land of the free, some of our neighbors, friends and coworkers live in the shadows."

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