Congressman Earl Blumenauer at a Leaders' Assembly hosted by CAUSA, Oregon's Pro-Immigrant Coalition, and Vecinos en Alerta, a new and growing community engagement group based in the Cully neighborhood of Portland. The Assembly provided the Congressman with an opportunity to hear directly from local DREAM Act supporters, Latino families and constituents who support Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR) at the federal level. Congressman Blumenauer spoke about his support for CIR, the DREAM Act, the Uniting Families Act and other immigration legislation, as well as his request to President Obama, along with Congressman Serrano and a growing list of House members, to end the Secure Communities program.

"We are all immigrants, whether we came 10,000 years ago or in the last ten years, and we all came for a better way of life for ourselves and our families," Congressman Blumenauer remarked. "I'm hopeful tonight for a conversation about immigration reform in this country that is respectful of the reality we're in and of those who are here and contributing, and one that is focused particularly on the young people here this evening."