Congressman Blumenauer released the following statement regarding the emerging details on a comprehensive immigration reform plan:

The momentum we're now seeing for immigration reform is exciting and presents many opportunities for fixing a system that has been broken for far too long.

Today, President Obama laid out many commonsense reforms that will strengthen the nation and the economy. While border security and employment verification are important aspects of any comprehensive reform package, I am especially heartened by a pathway to citizenship offered for those 11 million undocumented immigrants currently residing here. This particular concept is offered in both the President's comments and the outline from the so-called Senate "Gang of Eight."

Signs point to positive progress on this important issue. I look forward to working with the President and my colleagues to craft the details of comprehensive, humane immigration-reform legislation.