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Congressional Immigration Advocates Push Obama

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Rep. Luis Gutierrez, chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus' immigration task force, announced March 31 a national campaign to hold President Obama accountable for promises he made on the campaign trail to reform the country's broken immigration system.

The campaign will include meetings and press events with local leaders and immigration advocates designed to put pressure on the administration. The first will be held on Saturday afternoon at the Instituto Biblico de Rhode Island in Providence; another will take place in Honolulu, Hawaii, the president's birthplace, in May.

Spearheaded by the Fair Immigration Reform Movement, a coalition of more than 200 immigration advocacy groups, the campaign will contrast clips of the promises Obama made on the campaign trail with two years of Congressional inaction, and spotlight the flesh-and-blood experiences of families torn apart by deportation.

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