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BREAKING DOWN THE PROBLEMS:

What's Wrong with our Current Immigration System?

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D.C. - Today, the Immigration Policy Center released a new report, [*Breaking Down the Problems: What's Wrong With our Immigration System*](#). This special report looks at the impact our outdated and inefficient immigration system is having on our nation and discusses the failures of the system under two broad categories: *structural failure* and *inadequate responses*.

"We are embarking on a new round of immigration reform debates and to accomplish genuine reform, we must understand that immigration is about more than the 11-12 million people living without status in our country" said Mary Giovagnoli, Director of the Immigration Policy Center. "That group is a symptom of our failure to create an immigration system that works for the needs of America. It is time to shift the terms of the debate. We need to begin a discussion about what living without a functional immigration system has done to our nation over the last 20 years. We need to begin to ask the question: how is it in all our interests to reform immigration?"

The Immigration Policy Center's latest publication, *Breaking Down the Problems*, will be followed by a series of solution-oriented papers in the coming weeks.

To read the report and listen to a telephonic briefing on it see:

- [*Breaking Down the Problems: What's Wrong With Our Immigration System*](#) (IPC Special Report, October 21, 2009).
- [Listen to the on-the-record, telephonic briefing and Q&A](#) about *Breaking Down the Problems* featuring Crystal Williams, Executive Director, American Immigration Lawyers Association; Marshall Fitz, Director of Immigration Policy, Center for American Progress; Mary Giovagnoli, Director, Immigration Policy Center; and Michele Waslin, Senior Policy Analyst at the Immigration Policy Center.

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