

Nevada a leader in immigration reform

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When President Obama gave Astrid Silva a shout-out last month, he did more than put a face on his new immigration plan.

He helped thrust Silva, and her home state of Nevada, into the national spotlight on immigration reform.

She has since used her political fame to sell the president's divisive executive action. Her latest push came before a Senate panel Wednesday, where she accused Obama's critics of "attacking America and everything that has made this country strong."

"When people challenge the president's authority, they're attacking me," Silva said. "They're attacking my mom."

Astrid is one of several Nevada players who are behind a movement that is intensifying attention on the state's unique immigration landscape. And what happens in Nevada could impact the national conversation about changes in policy.

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