

Latino and Immigrant Organizations--Statement on Tax Reform

The undersigned organizations are the leading Latino and immigrant organizations in Illinois and we represent the youngest and fastest growing portion of the workforce and population of the State of Illinois. Our constituents advance Illinois' economy through our labor, our taxes, our spending power, and our entrepreneurship.

We recognize that the present fiscal crisis facing the State of Illinois makes tax reform, including a tax increase, necessary. We urge lawmakers to make certain that any tax increase includes budget and tax reforms that promote fiscal responsibility, tax fairness, and economic competitiveness. In addition, any tax reform must be progressive and as such the personal exemption and the Earned Income Tax Credit must be increased to achieve tax fairness.

Finally, the State must recognize the growing economic contributions of Latinos and immigrant communities to our workforce and small business creation, and invest accordingly in educational opportunities for our youth as they become the future workforce, and in our workers so that they can maximize their contributions to the economic recovery and the entrepreneurship of the State of Illinois.

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| Alivio Medical Center | Hispanic Housing Development Assoc. | Latino Consortium | Mujeres Latinas en Acción |
| Arden Shore Child & Family Services | Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights | Latino Organization of the Southwest | NALACC |
| Centro de Información | Hispanic Illinois State Law Enforcement Assoc. | Latino Policy Forum | Onward Neighborhood House |
| Corazon Community Services | Illinois Assoc. of Hispanic State Employees | Logan Square Neighborhood Association | Pilsen Neighbors Community Council |
| Durango Unido en Chicago | Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce | LULAC-Cicero | Puerto Rican Bar Association |
| El Valor | Illinois Latino Resource Institute | LULAC-Illinois | Southwest Organizing Project |
| Erie Neighborhood House | Instituto del Progreso Latino | Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund | The Resurrection Project |
| Gamaliel of Metro Chicago | Latino Education Alliance | McHenry County Latino Coalition | The National Council of La Raza |