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Dear Latino Elected Official:

We invite you to join other Latino elected officials for an Immigration Reform National Day of Advocacy in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, July 19, 2006. This event is being organized by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund.

As Congress moves to the final legislative stages of the complex issue of reforming our broken immigration system, protecting our borders and developing comprehensive immigration policies, the input of our communities and local Latino elected officials who represent them is essential.

On July 19, hundreds of Latino elected officials from throughout the country will be in the Nation's Capital to hold important meetings with Members of Congress from their state's delegations to express their support for the expeditious enactment of comprehensive immigration laws.

NALEO is developing resources that will assist you in implementing your own strategy for your Day of Advocacy. These resources will include information to help you plan a successful Day of Advocacy, useful tips on how to successfully schedule a Congressional visit and updates regarding immigration reform legislation and the ongoing Congressional debate. NALEO will also prepare sample resolutions that can be adopted statewide and locally supporting comprehensive immigration reform and opposing unfair and ineffective legislative initiatives. NALEO will provide further information to Day of Advocacy participants as soon as these resources are available.

On July 19, 2006, the National Day of Advocacy is scheduled to begin early with a welcoming reception that will feature presentations by various Members of Congress. Immediately following the morning's gathering, visiting elected officials will engage in a full-day of scheduled visits to their state's Congressional offices. The day will conclude with a rally and a reception. The exact times and places for both receptions will be available as we get closer to the date.

We hope that you can join other National elected officials in Washington, D.C. for this special National Day of Advocacy. For more information about this exciting event, please contact Marcelo Gaete at mgaete@naleo.org or (213) 747-7606 or Diana Mendoza at dmendoza@naleo.org or (202) 546-2536.

We look forward to welcoming you to Washington, D.C. on July 19, 2006.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Grace Flores Napolitano

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Member of Congress
Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus

Handwritten signature of Luis V. Gutierrez

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