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# ***NALEO EDUCATIONAL FUND URGES COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER BALANCED APPROACH TO IMMIGRATION***

***Our immigration policies must be fair and effective***

*WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund released the following statement as the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement convenes for the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress:*

As the committee begins its work, the NALEO Educational Fund urges it to consider the need for immigration policies that not only ensure our national security and public safety but also promote the civic integration of newcomers, recognize that immigrants contribute to the growth of our nation and provide tax-paying immigrant works and their families an opportunity to earn legalization and eventually become U.S. citizens.

“Our bipartisan constituency works together to promote sound and humane solutions for the challenges and opportunities that immigration presents for our nation,” wrote NALEO Executive Director Arturo Vargas in a letter to Judiciary Committee chairman Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX). “We hope that the committee will work in a bipartisan manner as it addresses our country’s immigration policies.”

*(Click here for a copy of the NALEO Educational Fund’s principles on comprehensive immigration reform)*

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### **About NALEO Educational Fund**

*The NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*

