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LATINO POLICY COALITION STATEMENT ON TODAY'S RULING BY U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE SUSAN BOLTON ON ARIZONA'S SB1070 LAW

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Latino Policy Coalition, a national non-partisan, non-profit consortium of the country's leading Latino research organizations, issued the following statement today following the ruling by U.S. District Judge Susan R. Bolton concerning the U.S. Justice Department's suit challenging the legality of the state of Arizona's recently enacted law – SB 1070.

"Today's ruling by Judge Susan R. Bolton is a major blow to the fanatic fringe that supports racial profiling of Latinos. This is a tremendous victory for everyone who has faith in the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Justice Department and the Courts have done their job well. Now it is time for Congress and the White House to do theirs and end this epidemic of xenophobic fear mongering by enacting comprehensive immigration reform," said Latino Policy Coalition Chairman Jim Gonzalez.

"It is time for Governor Brewer and her extremist colleagues, including Senator Russell Pearce, and Sherriff Joe Arpaio, to end their love affair with racial profiling; and driving a wedge between law enforcement and the community."

"SB 1070 is a hate crime against Latinos masquerading as an official act. Be assured that millions of immigrant voters will continue to watch closely and fight copycat legislation in other states," continued Gonzalez.

"Judge Bolton's decision today affirms that is time for national unity and an immediate and national civil rights drive toward comprehensive immigration reform." concluded Gonzalez.

About the Latino Policy Coalition

The Latino Policy Coalition is a national non-partisan non-profit consortium of the country's leading Latino research organizations and scholars. The LPC analyzes, through nationwide public opinion surveys, policy issues affecting the Latino community. Chaired by former San Francisco City and County Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, the LPC seeks to highlight Latino community views on key national issues; and thus stimulate public policy debate among local, state and national elected officials.

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