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The Latino Policy Forum's Statement on Fair Tax Reform

The undersigned organizations are the leading Latino and immigrant organizations in Illinois and represent the youngest and largest growth in 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, 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.

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.

About the Latino Policy Forum

The Latino Policy Forum is the only organization in the Chicago area that facilitates the involvement of Latinos at all levels of public decision-making. The Forum conducts analysis to inform, influence and lead. Its goals are to improve education outcomes, advocate for affordable housing, promote just immigration policies, and engage diverse sectors of the community, with an understanding that advancing Latinos advances a shared future. For more information, visit www.latinopolicyforum.org.

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