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CPLC Denounces Senate Bill 1070

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Phoenix – Arizona’s leading community development corporation is urging Governor Brewer to veto Senate Bill 1070, legislation that would lead to racial profiling and violate civil rights.

If signed into law, this bill would make it a misdemeanor to lack proper immigration paperwork in Arizona. It would also allow police to check a person’s immigration status based on only a “reasonable suspicion” that they are undocumented.

This bill opens the door for racial profiling and blatant discrimination by authorizing police to stop anyone they perceive to appear “illegal” and subject him or her to an immigration status check without the individual having violated any law.

If signed into law, this bill would create a hostile environment for Latinos and force entire communities to live in perpetual fear of harassment.

“We are outraged over Senate Bill 1070, one of the most egregious violations of civil rights we have seen in decades,” said CPLC President and CEO Edmundo Hidalgo. “We urge everyone in our community to join us in urging our Governor

to put a stop to this bill before we are forced to witness the horrendous damage it would undoubtedly do in our state.”

CPLC believes that comprehensive immigration reform is the solution for our nation to move forward. Bills such as Senate Bill 1070 are only a detriment to our state and our nation.

ABOUT CPLC: *Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. (CPLC) is a statewide community development corporation committed to building stronger, healthier communities as a lead advocate, coalition builder and direct service provider. The organization promotes positive change and self-sufficiency to enhance the quality of life for the benefit of those we serve.*