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STATEMENT: Illinois Latino Agenda is United and Strong on Latino Unity Day, Applauds Ongoing Efforts of Latino Advocates

CHICAGO - The following is a statement from the <u>Illinois Latino Agenda</u> recognizing the importance of Latino Unity Day and its impact on Latino communities throughout Illinois. The Illinois Latino Agenda (ILA) is a coalition that advocates for representation of Latinos across all sectors and works to advance the economic, political, and social prosperity of Latino communities throughout Illinois:

"Latino Unity Day is a highly anticipated event for ILA members who are committed to improving the wellbeing of Latinos in Illinois. ILA members along with 300 Latinos and allies from across the state are lifting their voice and presence in Springfield, connecting with each other, learning about pending legislation and its impact on the Latino community, and hearing from the Latino caucus, as well as the Governor, Lt. Governor and Secretary of State.

"The theme of this year's Latino Unity Day is 'Building Illinois - Unidos y Fuertes.' ILA believes that it is only through unity and strength that we can move towards a future for Latinos that includes access to more funding for social services, education, violence prevention, and workforce development, as well as equitable representation across all sectors.

"This Latino Unity Day, we are elevating the economic and cultural contributions of Latinos that have helped shape Illinois, its economy, neighborhoods, families, schools and local governments. We stand firm—united and strong—in the fact that investing in Latinos is investing in a greater Illinois."

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