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STATEMENT FROM ILLINOIS LATINO AGENDA:

ILA Congratulates Dr. Teresa Ramos on Historic Appointment as First Secretary of the Illinois Department of Early Childhood

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CHICAGO - The following is a statement from the [Illinois Latino Agenda](#) in response to the [appointment of Dr. Teresa Ramos](#) to be the First Secretary of the newly created Illinois Department of Early Childhood:

“The Illinois Latino Agenda proudly congratulates Dr. Teresa Ramos on her historic appointment as the first Secretary of the Illinois Department of Early Childhood. Under Secretary Ramos’ leadership, Illinois is poised to build a stronger, more equitable early childhood system that ensures every child has the resources they need to succeed.

“This new Department represents an opportunity to transform programs that Latino families rely on, including early intervention and the Child Care Assistance Program. We celebrate this moment and look forward to supporting Secretary Ramos in creating a more equitable early childhood system that strengthens families and ensures every child in Illinois has a strong and healthy start.”

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The Illinois Latino Agenda (ILA) is a coalition that advocates for the representation of Latinos across all sectors and works to advance the economic, political and social prosperity of Latino communities throughout Illinois.