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FORWARD LATINO CONDEMNS FALSE DHS STATEMENT ALLEGING PRESIDENTIAL THREAT

Franklin, WI – Forward Latino, a national non-profit, non-partisan service and advocacy organization headquartered in Franklin, Wisconsin and with affiliates and members in twenty-nine states condemns the false statement issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security alleging a threat against the President of the United States.

National President Darryl Morin issued the following statement:

“Earlier this week, the Secretary of Homeland Security issued a press release claiming that ICE officers had arrested an undocumented immigrant who they alleged threatened the life of the President of the United States. This announcement rapidly spread across the country, fueling anti-immigrant sentiment, and calls to remove legal barriers imposed by the courts regarding the deportation of immigrants.

Despite numerous requests for comment, Forward Latino declined to respond, citing the glaring and obvious inconsistencies in the allegations. Investigators have now confirmed that the undocumented immigrant was, in fact, the victim of a crime. The note was written and sent to ICE agents by the actual perpetrator of the crime in a deliberate attempt to have the immigrant deported before he could testify in court.

If Forward Latino immediately recognized these obvious inconsistencies, then so must have the professionals at the Department of Homeland Security—equipped with their thousands of law enforcement professionals, forensic experts, and criminal psychologists.

The Department of Homeland Security plays a critical role in safeguarding our nation and must be led by serious, competent officials, who operate within the law and prioritize public safety over politics, the quest for sensational headlines and themed photo shoots.

The Secretary’s false statement did nothing to improve public safety and only succeeded in fueling further anti-immigrant hate and the exploitation and victimization of immigrants.”

About Forward Latino:

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that empowers affiliates to inspire and engage communities, strengthen our democracy, improve the lives of working families, protect the environment, and stand up for equality and civil rights. Forward Latino cultivates, trains, and supports a diverse national network of Latina/o/x community leaders addressing the civic, economic, and political challenges of the 21st century. Forward Latino has members and affiliates across 29 states. www.forwardlatino.org

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