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Via First Class Mail

The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate
Russell Senate Office Building, SR-388
Washington, DC 20510-4502

Re: June 11, 2013 Speech in Support of Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Dear Senator Kaine:

On behalf of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia (“HBA-DC”), we write to commend you for your speech on June 11, 2013, in support of comprehensive immigration reform. In particular, HBA-DC praises you for making history by delivering your Senate floor speech entirely in Spanish.

In doing so, you honored the wide range of ethnicities and languages living and speaking in the U.S. today and offered a reminder of this country’s Hispanic roots. Perhaps most importantly, you gave an authentic voice to the roughly 40 million Spanish-speaking Americans who, as you astutely pointed out in your speech, have a lot at stake in the outcome of this debate.

Consistent with our mission to promote equal justice for all Hispanics, the HBA-DC supports Congress’ continued work toward reform of our nation’s immigration laws and efforts to address the undocumented immigrant population embodied in S.744.

The HBA-DC is a non-profit organization established in the District of Columbia in 1977 and our membership includes several hundred lawyers practicing in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, Latino students attending law schools, and other non-lawyers who join as associate members. The HBA-DC is affiliated with the Hispanic National Bar Association. We thank you for your leadership and commitment to the continuing work in Congress towards comprehensive immigration reform.

Very truly yours,

Jaime Areizaga-Soto
President

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