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Press Release

LULAC Calls On Congress To Chart a New Course On Immigration.

Efforts must be improved in the House and the Senate.

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Washington, D.C., - The League of United Latin American Citizens today urged Congress to make a fresh start at addressing the nation's pressing immigration problems following defeat of the Senate's so-called "grand compromise" bill.

"Congress should start anew to forge legislation that can win majority support," said Rosa Rosales, LULAC National President. The nation's oldest and largest Hispanic membership advocacy organization had supported the compromise bill but opposed amendments proposed by opponents of the proposal.

Rosales said LULAC would support passage of separate bills addressing the most pressing problems facing the nation's dysfunctional immigration system, including a comprehensive temporary guest worker program, new family reunification regulations, DREAM Act and Ag Jobs.

"While we are disappointed with the failure of this proposal, it's defeat presents a fresh opportunity for Congress to deal with the nation's most pressing immigration challenges," Rosales said.

LULAC urges Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform that ensures border security, reunites families, provides smart workplace employment measures, strengthens our economy and brings the approximately 12 million undocumented

people out of the shadows.

The League of United Latin American Citizens, the oldest and largest Hispanic membership organization in the country, advances the economic conditions, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 700 LULAC councils nationwide.

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