Good Morning,

My name is Zeus Rodriguez, I live in Milwaukee County. I am here as a liaison for a coalition of individual Hispanic business owners, educators and community advocates. We do not speak on behalf of the entire Hispanic community, but our group of Wisconsin residents are both politically active and concerned with the governing process.

I personally wish that there was more time given to this process. In my efforts to engage the Hispanic Community, it was difficult to educate so many people in such a short period of time. As a result, we are only going to speak and endorse the new state map as it pertains to the 3rd Senate district and only the 3rd Senate district. As you know that this district is at the heart of the Latino community in Wisconsin and it is imperative that proper political representation is achieved there.

That being said, despite the quick nature of this process, the lines that were drawn in the 3rd district seems to have been done with the careful intention of giving the Hispanic community of Milwaukee full political representation and we support the 2nd Amendment to the plan. 60% HVAP in District 8 and a 54% HVAP in District 9, as well as the original proposal of a 40% HVAP for the 3rd Senate District.

UNLESS THE LATTER STATISTIC CAN BE IMPROVED.

- A HIGHER HVAP IN THE 3RD SENATE DISTRICT.
HISPANICS LEADERSHIP

The following is a bipartisan list of individual Hispanic Business owners, Educators and Community Advocates who are in support of a 60% HVAP 8th District and 54% HVAP 9th District as well as the 40% HVAP currently proposed for the 3rd Senate District.

Teresa C. Mercado, Executive Director, Mexican Fiesta
Daisy Cubias, City of Milwaukee - Retired
Ernesto Villareal, El Rey Food Stores - Founder/Owner
Ramón Cruz, St. Anthony School - Principal
Víctor Huyke, El Conquistador - Owner/Publisher
Raul Huertas, Hispanic Entrepreneurs of Wisconsin - President
Julio Maldonado, Hispanic Entrepreneurs of Wisconsin - Vice President
Gregorio Montoto, Mexican Fiesta - Vice President
Martha Manske, Hispanic Entrepreneurs of Wisconsin
Anselmo Villarreal, La Casa de Esperanza - President/CEO
Zeus Rodriguez, Hispanics for School Choice - President
Juan M. Carrasquillo, Director - Administrative Services We Energies
Jose Delgado, American Transmission Company, LLC Chairman - President/CEO - Retired
Aaron Rodriguez, El Conquistador - Columnist
Ivan Gamboa, Tri-City National Bank - Vice President
Karla Huerta, representing LULAC Council 322, Milwaukee
Jose Zarate, Owner of La Fuente Restaurant
Bill Sandoval, Vice President of the Wisconsin Soccer Association
Luis Barboza, Architect, Milwaukee
Ernesto Baca, UMOS
Abel Ortiz, SBR (Service employment redevelopment)
Ruben Burgos, Lieutenant, MPD and president of LPOA (Latino Police Officers Association)
Valdemar Escobar, Owner of Fiesta Garibaldi restaurants
Dr. Arturo Martinez, Associate Dean MATC representing LULAC Council 319 Milwaukee

Other Wisconsin residents who have supported our efforts but have not had a chance to consider the new 3rd Senate District and haven’t endorsed it at this time.

Agustín A. Ramirez, HUSCO International - Chairman/CEO
Dagoberto Ibarra, Latinos United for Political Action - President
Francisco Sanchez, Hispanic Entrepreneurs of Wisconsin
Philip Castro, Hispanic Entrepreneurs of Wisconsin
Professor Javier Tapia, UWM Professor - Hispanic Studies
Robert Serrano, Martial Arts America - President
Dr. Gerardo Caballero MD, General Surgeon - Milwaukee
Rev. Javier Bustos, Sacred Heart School of Theology, MA Program, Director
Ricardo Trinidad, Telecom & Data Inc. - CEO