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## **NALEO Educational Fund Supports Administrative Relief for Millions of Immigrants Living in Shadows**

*Organization launches new (844) 411-iAMERICA (844-411-4267) bilingual hotline to provide timely information to immigrants who may benefit from new policy*

*WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today issued the following statement regarding administrative action aimed at overhauling nation's immigration system:*

“Administrative relief aimed at overhauling our immigration system is a positive first step in putting our nation on a path that will benefit all Americans. While only a short-term solution, executive action will serve the economic and civic interests of our nation by bringing millions of tax-paying immigrants who are already making significant contributions to their communities out of the shadows and into the light.

“Our nation has suffered as a result of our broken immigration reform system for far too long. It is time that we stop ripping American families apart and straining the already limited resources of law enforcement by putting in place solutions that will allow immigrants to contribute as full participants in our nation's economy and democracy. A broad coalition of leaders—from business to law enforcement to the faith community—support unilateral action from the President that will allow us to benefit fully from the skills and work ethic that immigrants bring to the table.

“We applaud the President for demonstrating his commitment to this important issue by announcing action on meaningful administrative relief for millions of immigrants. To ensure this solution is effective, the program will need to include fair and reasonable requirements, a vigorous outreach campaign to the immigrant community, and ample support for the state and local governments who will be responsible for implementing these new policies nationwide.

“While a welcomed bold first step, we must remember that administrative relief will only be a temporary fix. Our nation will continue to suffer from the consequences of a broken system until Congress acts to pass bipartisan immigration reform legislation that upholds our values and grows our economy through the inclusion of a pathway to citizenship and robust integration support for the millions of immigrants living in the shadows today. We will continue to closely monitor movement on this issue and work with the President and new Congress to find an

immediate and cost-effective permanent immigration reform solution that will make our country more prosperous and our democracy stronger.

“Continuing our tradition of providing timely and relevant information to the Latino community, NALEO Educational Fund will launch a new administrative relief hotline -- (844) 411-iAMERICA (844-411-4267) -- in partnership with the [iAmerica](#) campaign. In the absence of specific details on eligibility and the application process, this hotline will ensure potential beneficiaries are informed about their rights, the executive action process and legal assistance resources in their area. The hotline will join NALEO Educational Fund’s existing civic participation information and referral hotlines, 888-VE-Y-VOTA (voting and elections), 888-839-8682 (citizenship) and 855-DREAM-D1 (DACA).”

*To view the NALEO Educational Fund’s principles on comprehensive immigration reform, click [here](http://www.naleo.org/downloads/NALEO_PrinciplesImmReform.pdf) or visit our website at [http://www.naleo.org/downloads/NALEO\\_PrinciplesImmReform.pdf](http://www.naleo.org/downloads/NALEO_PrinciplesImmReform.pdf).*

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**About NALEO Educational Fund**

*The NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.*