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### **NALEO Educational Fund Joins Letter to U.S. Senate Calling for Establishing Senate Office On Diversity and Inclusion**

*Diverse coalition calls on Senate to follow U.S. House's lead on inclusion efforts*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund released a statement from CEO Arturo Vargas on a [letter](#) the organization cosigned with a diverse coalition including Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), College to Congress, Demand Progress, Democracy Fund Voice, Issue One, The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, and Pay Our Interns Action Fund, calling on the U.S. Senate to establish a Senate Office on Diversity and Inclusion, appoint a Director, and prepare a Senate Inclusion Report:

“A congressional workforce that reflects the full diversity of America is key to strengthening how Congress works. This kind of inclusion is paramount to ensuring Congress is staffed with a multitude of different points of view, experiences, and talents.

“The benefits to these kinds of efforts are rooted in both the American tradition of diversity and research that shows inclusive teams benefit Members by increasing their effectiveness as policymakers. Additionally, these efforts help legitimize Congress in the eyes of the American people, as they would see a congressional workforce that looks more like them.

“NALEO Educational Fund stands alongside our partners in urging the U.S. Senate to prioritize a truly representative Congressional workforce by establishing an Office of Diversity and Inclusion, appointing a Director, and producing a Senate Inclusion Report helping it become a workplace that maximizes creativity and effectiveness.”

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#### ***About NALEO Educational Fund***

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