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NALEO Educational Fund Commends Bipartisan Introduction of Census Deadline Extensions Act of 2021

New statutory deadlines for apportionment and redistricting data would restore certainty for policymakers, line drawers, and the public

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund today released the following statement from CEO Arturo Vargas following the bipartisan introduction of the Census Deadline Extensions Act of 2021:

“NALEO Educational Fund commends Senators Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) for their introduction of the Census Deadline Extensions Act of 2021 in the U.S. Senate and Representatives Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Jimmy Gomez (D-CA), Gerald Connolly (D-VA), Don Young (R-AK), and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ) for introducing companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“As state and local officials across the nation prepare for redistricting, the new statutory deadlines for apportionment and redistricting data will provide a clear and codified schedule for the Census Bureau to complete its work.

“Given the unusual circumstances of Census 2020, it has been critical that the Bureau has sufficient time to carefully conduct data processing, quality assurance, and expert evaluation to the extent possible. With this legislation, Congress would be reaffirming its responsibility for maintaining the integrity of the census and reapportionment.

“We urge members of Congress to continue this bipartisan work and ensure this legislation passes both chambers quickly.”

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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.