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## **NALEO Denounces Anti-Immigrant Bill Signed Into Law in Texas**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) today released a statement from CEO Arturo Vargas following the Texas state legislature’s passage of HB4/SB4 and Governor Greg Abbot’s signature to enact the legislation into law:

“We deeply condemn Texas’ enactment of the unconstitutional, costly, and unsound anti-immigrant legislation signed today by the Texas Governor. As we have said [before](#), these pernicious measures are bound to have a detrimental impact on Latino communities across the state, leading to the separation of families and problems with law enforcement.

“As these measures go into effect, they will contribute to making communities in Texas less safe by deterring immigrants from reporting crimes or cooperating with local law enforcement out of fear of arrest or criminal penalties. Additionally, this law will likely lead to an increase in arbitrary, inhumane, and discriminatory actions against Latinos in Texas.

“Every day, immigrants and their families make invaluable contributions to Texas and the nation. NALEO urges Texas localities and their elected officials to challenge this law in court. We will also be readily available to provide Latino elected and appointed officials in Texas with the resources needed to help their constituents understand the effects of this law and protect their rights.”

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### **About NALEO**

*The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials is the non-partisan leadership organization of the nation’s more than 7,000 Latino elected and appointed officials.*