



Greater Austin Hispanic  
Chamber of Commerce  
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Dear Senator Hutchison:

On behalf of over 1,000 chamber members, we are writing in support of comprehensive immigration reform. Attached is our position statement clearly articulating and defining who we are and what we believe regarding this emotional and personal issue. In addition, we have included a copy of the action taken by the City of Austin for your review.

With the recent passage of SB 1070 by the State of Arizona, our country is once again immersed in a national debate over immigration reform. We respect the frustrations felt in Arizona and around the country on both sides of this issue and for that reason, your leadership is even more important.

In our opinion, the Arizona legislation is not only flawed, it is harmful and divisive to all Americans. It is our view that SB 1070 and any state legislation, particularly in the State of Texas, that creates immigration policy without federal collaboration and stakeholder input is not appropriate and not the answer to addressing an antiquated immigration system.

Our own City of Austin leadership along with several other American cities have taken the bold move to cease doing business with the State of Arizona. We believe such harmful legislation necessitates strong statements in opposition and we applaud the Mayor and City Council for their actions.

We love living and working in Central Texas and ask that you not allow irrational fears over immigration to tear our communities apart. We need a federal response to a federal issue and call on you to help us realize true comprehensive immigration reform that respects the dignity of every human being and the contributions made by immigrants to a country that was founded by immigrants.

We welcome your thoughts on this topic. Please help our country find a true path to citizenship for those who are living, working, and contributing to our economy.

Sincerely,

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President

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Chair of the Board of Directors