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## **Latin American Association supports striking of the 3 provisions of SB 1070; Remains concerned about the potential for civil rights violations**

ATLANTA (June 25, 2012) – The Latin American Association (LAA) is encouraged by the Supreme Court decision striking down three of the four challenged provisions of Arizona’s immigration law SB 1070 and hopes that this decision will guide nascent immigration policies of other states, including Georgia.

The LAA remains concerned about the “show me your papers” section of the law, which has the potential for racial and ethnic profiling as well as unlawfully prolonged detention. This provision could raise constitutional concerns as indicated by the Supreme Court. “We have long held the opinion that immigration policy should be established by the federal government, not by the states,” said Jeffrey Tapia, executive director of the Latin American Association. “We support fair and just immigration reform at that level.”

For more information, please contact the Latin American Association at 404-638-1800 or visit [www.thelaa.org](http://www.thelaa.org).

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About The Latin American Association:

The Latin American Association helps Latino families achieve their aspirations for academic, social and economic advancement. We accomplish this through direct programs and integrated community partnerships that focus on youth academic achievement, education and prevention, and services to families with urgent needs. The LAA offers employment, immigration and translation services, as well as programs for youth, computer classes, parenting classes, and English and Spanish language classes. Visit [www.thelaa.org](http://www.thelaa.org) for more information.