



Exhibit C

Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

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Resolution of the Commission

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA) opposes H. B. No. 654 Illegal Alien Enforcement Act and S. B. No. 368, and calls for a study as to the origin, nature, scope, and contributions of Ohio's immigrant population.* After fact-finding the OCHLA has concluded that

Whereas:

- There is no reliable and fact-based information regarding the size, nature, location, and impact of Ohio's immigrant population
- The Federal Government of the United States of America, in which rests the proper Constitutional authority for immigration issues, is engaged in the process of changing immigration policy for the entire nation
- The proposed HB 654 and SB 368 has engendered in many Ohioans fears about threats to civil rights, increases in racial profiling, and encouragement of public misperceptions and discrimination against all immigrant groups

The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs is hereby:

- Concerned that an increase in public expenditures, the creation of new government bureaucracies, and the imposition of regulatory burdens on Ohioans and Ohio businesses are premature and misguided in the absence of solid demographic, economic, and sociological information about Ohio's growing immigrant population
- Fearful that the premature implementation of state-level public policy affecting immigrants may impinge upon Federal supremacy and conflict with the end result of a dynamic and changing Federal immigration policy environment
- Echoing the serious concerns raised by business, industry, faith-based organizations, civil rights advocacy groups, and well intentioned, well informed residents across the state of Ohio who are against HB 654 & SB 368
- Requesting \$92,000 for a detailed study to be elaborated by OCHLA and academic researchers from Ohio's institutions of higher learning for the purpose of determining the size, scope, origin, location, and contributions of Ohio's diverse immigrant population
- Charging and empowering the Director of OCHLA with the authority to develop a detailed project plan, study proposal, and to advocate with policymakers for such a study.
- Offering to provide the necessary information for policy makers to address and solve State wide issues related to this study.

and therefore the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs does now

- Affirm its opposition to HB 654 and SB 368
- Call for a detailed study of the origin, nature, scope, and contributions of Ohio's immigrant population before any legislation is enacted
- Thank policy makers in the General Assembly for their openness and willingness to work together on difficult and contentious issues
- and Renews its commitment to ongoing dialogue and conversations with legislative leaders as an important part of the public policy process

on this 17th day of October 2006.

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Chair

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