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ACTION ALERT

I. THE FINAL STRETCH AT HAND

The Simpson-Rodino Immigration Legislation will more than likely hit the floor for a vote when the Congress resumes September 8-October 3, 1986. Hispanics NEED TO ACT in order to DEFEAT this legislation.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO SUSTAIN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES IN YOUR LOCALITIES:

- 1. <u>Send letters and mailgrams</u> to your U.S. Representatives (list provided below) (cost of mailgrams is only \$8.75 for 50 words);
- 2. Undertake <u>visits</u> to your Representatives' home office especially during August 18 September 7 when they return home during break in session;
- 3. Have your organization pass a resolution against Simpson-Rodino and send it to your Representative.

II. SIMPSON-RODINO AND ITS AMENDMENTS ARE NOT REALISTIC AND CREATE ADDITIONAL BURDENS FOR HISPANIC CITIZENS AND THE UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN

Opposition to Simpson-Rodino and its Amendments begins with five provisions:

- 1. Employer sanctions promote discrimination against all Hispanics. Civil penalties against employers for knowingly hiring undocumented aliens. PROBLEMS: It is likely that employers will be afraid to hire any "Hispanic looking" person in order to avoid possible employer sanctions; record keeping will raise costs for employers because work authorizations must be renewed periodically (6 months, 1 year, 2 years, etc.) and if the employee falls out of legal status the employer may be found liable under employer sanctions.
- 2. Legalization program, commonly known as the "Amnesty Program", is unfair, and possibly result in more aliens being deported then legalized. It requires the undocumented alien to have:
 - entered the U.S. before January 1, 1982 and continuously resided in U.S. since that time and can document;
 - been continuously physically present in the U.S. since the passage of the bill;

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If the above criteria is met, the alien would receive temporary resident status, and after one year can apply for permanent resident status, if:

- shows knowledge of English and U.S. Government;
- "Good Moral Character" (no felony conviction or 3 or more misdemeanors)

PROBLEMS: This two-tier approach could result in longer waiting lines at INS; English language and Government are traditionally only required for citizenship; and, public assistance, other than emergency medical care, will not be available to these newly legalized aliens for five (5) years even though paying taxes (without assistance some aliens may suffer or be forced to return to Mexico).

- 3. Schumer Guestworker Program. Permanent resident status granted if the undocumented person:
 - Proves 60 man-days of agricultural employment during the 12 months preceding May 1, 1986;
 - Application period lasts only 1½ years and the number to be allowed in would be determined later by Departments of Labor and Agriculture;
 - Must work 60 man-days every year for 5 years thereafter to qualify for citizenship.
 - Failure to work the 60 mandays during the first two years results in revocation of the visas and deportation.

PROBLEMS: Amount of persons to be allowed is unknown and could result in only a small number; documentation of work records will be difficult to collect prior to May 1, 1986 since neither farmworkers nor growers were on notice to preserve work documents; and deportation possible even after becomes permanent resident alien if fails to do 60 mandays of farm labor during first two years of the five year period.

III. CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES NOW

Do not underestimate your influence with the Congressmembers. They do read letters and organizational Resolutions. Let them know the Hispanic Community opposes Simpson-Rodino and all its Amendments. Addresses below:

Senator Lloyd Sentsen Senator Phil Gramm

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1	Rep.	Sam B. Hall, Jr.	2236 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 P.O. Box 1349, Marshall, TX 75670
2	Rep.	Charles Wilson	2265 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 701 N. 1st St., Room 201, Lufkin, TX 75901
3	Rep.	Steve Bartlett	1709 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 6600 LBJ Freeway, Suite 4190, Dallas, TX 75240
4	Rep.	Ralph M. Hall	1728 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 104 San Jacinto St., Rockwall, TX 75087
5	Rep.	John Bryant	412 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 8035 East R.L. Thornton Hwy., Suite 518, Dallas, TX 7522
6	Rep.	Joe L. Barton	1017 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 P.O. Box 4802, Bryan, TX 77805
7	Rep.	Bill Archer	1135 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 7501 Federal Bldg., 515 Rusk St., Houston, TX 77002
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10	Rep.	J.J. (Jake) Pickle	242 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 763 Federal Building, Austin, TX 78701
11	Rep.	J. Marvin Leath	336 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 206 Federal Bldg., Waco, TX 76701
12	Rep.	Jim Wright	1236 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 9A-10 Lanham Federal Bldg., Fort Worth, TX 76102
13	_	Beau Boulter	1427 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 205 E. 5th, Amarillo, TX 79101
14	Rep.	Mac Sweeney	1713 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 1908 N. Laurent, Suite 580, Victoria, TX 77901
15	Rep.	E. (Kika) de la Garza	1401 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 1418 Beech St., McAllen, TX 78501
16	Rep.	Ronald D. Coleman	416 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 146 U.S. Courthouse, El Paso, TX 79901
17	Rep.	Charles W. Stenholm	1232 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 P.O. Box 1101, Abilene, TX 79604
18	Rep.	Mickey Leland	419 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 1919 Smith, Suite 820, Houston, TX 77002
19	Rep.	Larry Combest	1529 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 613 Federal Bldg., 1205 Texas Ave., Lubbock, TX 79401
20	Rep.	Henry B. Gonzalez	2413 Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 B-124 Federal Bldg, 727 E Durango, Room B-146, San Antonio, TX 78206
21	Rep.	Thomas G. Loefller	1212 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 410 Northeast Loop 410, Suite 415, San Antonio, TX 78216
22	Rep.	Thomas D. Delay	1234 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 9000 S.W. Freeway, Suite 205, Houston, TX 77074
23	Rep.	Albert G. Busamante	1116 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 Federal Building, 727 E. Durango St., Room B-146 San Antonio, TX 78206
24	Rep.	Martin Frost	1238 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 Republic Bank Tower, Suite 1319, 400 S. Zang Blvd., Dallas, TX 75208
25	Rep.	Michael A. Andrews	1039 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 Federal Bldg., 515 Rusk, Houston, TX 77002
26	Rep.	Richard K. Armey	514 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 1141 W. Pioneer Pkwy., Suite 101, Arlington, TX 76013
27	Rep.	Solomon P. Ortiz	1524 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 2505 Boca Chica Blvd., Suite 438, Brownsville, TX 78520

IV, SAMPLE LETTER TO CONGRESSMEMBER
Date:
Dear Congressman
I strongly urge you to OPPOSE the Simpson-Rodino Immigration Bill and all its amendments; specifically:
 Employer Sanctions. This will create more discrimination against "Hispanic looking" persons. The anti- discrimination provisions would be inadequate to combat this discrimination,
 Schumer Agricultural Amendment. This will create a subclass of workers forced to work in the fields for at least 60 days a year for two years or be deported. Once called "slavery", now it is called the Schumer Amendment.
I urge you to consider alternative measures to Simpson-Rodino which are long term and fairer: shift INS enforcement from the interior to the Border, improve INS recordkeeping capabilities to eliminate errors in verifying documentation of aliens, and economic and trade assistance to Mexico.
Signed:

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