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**Darryl Morin Testimony – Wisconsin SB 275**

Chairman Nass, Vice Chair Wanggaard and distinguished members of this committee, I wish to thank you for holding today’s hearings on Senate Bill 275 and for providing an opportunity for me to testify on this proposed legislation.

My name is Darryl Morin of Muskego, Wisconsin, and I speak to you here today, as not only a Wisconsin business owner who serves customers in all 50 states of our great Republic as well as in 9 countries across the globe, but also as a representative of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Wisconsin. LULAC is our nation’s largest and oldest Hispanic membership based organization with over 130,000 advocates and solution providers throughout the United States.

I am proud to say here in Wisconsin, LULAC :

- Has opened and operates a LULAC Community Technology Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin where individuals learn important job skills, can apply for jobs online and much more.
- Has donated just under 100,000 lbs. of meat with our partners at Tyson Foods to provide relief for families that suffer from food insecurity here in our great state.
- Have provided over \$1,400,000 in college scholarships to deserving and talented Wisconsin Hispanic American Youth
- Have provided over \$500,000 in online reading intervention software to schools in need.
- Have spent over \$450,000 in a dual enrollment program that takes at-risk youth out of some of Wisconsin’s most challenged high schools and take them to the local community college, where they transfer college credits, earn their high school diploma and transition to a college or university and much more.

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Personally, I can also add that through my company, Advanced Wireless, Incorporated, we have donated over \$850,000 in Wireless LAN equipment and services to schools in need.

I share these contributions not to boast of our accomplishments, but to underscore that LULAC is not an organization dedicated identifying issues, but providing solutions. Through our national network of committed volunteers and alliance of corporate partners ranging from Ford, General Motors and Toyota, to Wal-Mart, Target and Walgreen's to McDonald's, Taco Bell, MillerCoors as well as AT&T, Comcast and more, we deliver solutions. I am proud to say that over 99% of all funding for the projects I mentioned came from LULAC or LULAC partnerships with other non-profit or for-profit entities and not from federal, state, county or municipal governments.

LULAC was founded on the guiding principal of helping Hispanics integrate in to the American cultural fabric. Much of our constitution is modeled after the U.S. Constitution. The LULAC Prayer is an adaptation of Thomas Jefferson's "*Prayer for a Nation*", our flag is the U.S. Flag, our song, is *America the Beautiful*.

Hispanics continue to make rich cultural contributions to society and are beginning to drive more of our state economy as Wisconsin's median workforce age continues to climb. Given recent workforce statistics found in numerous studies, and now with the state entering into an agreement with Foxconn, one thing is certain, Wisconsin does not have the workforce it needs and needs to be doing everything it can to attract motivated, entrepreneurial and most importantly, younger workers.

Since our inception in 1929, LULAC members have fought to defend our nation on foreign battlefields, as well as at home in the courts; never asking for something given, but always insisting our constitutional right, to an equal opportunity to earn the American Dream.



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This brings me to today and Wisconsin Senate Bill 275. While LULAC firmly believes that every sovereign nation has a responsibility to protect its borders, and that each branch of government has its exclusive rights, and that we must vigorously defend each right in the constitution, not just a select few, so must we respect jurisdictions and authorities defined within this most of sacred of documents. LULAC is committed to the defense of the U.S. Constitution and those it serves.

After careful review of Wisconsin Senate Bill 275, LULAC and LULAC of Wisconsin have found it to have striking similarities with Texas Senate Bill 4.

Both Texas SB 4 and Wisconsin SB 275 seek to prohibit ordinances, resolutions or policies that prohibit the enforcement of federal or state law relating to undocumented immigrants as well as inquiring as to an individual immigration status. They both require compliance with detainer requests from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and they both seek to impose financial penalties on government entities that do not comply. In addition, they both seek to force liability on those governing bodies for damages found to have been caused by undocumented immigrants.

As I am sure you are aware, LULAC with The City of El Cenizo, the ACLU and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) are currently in litigation with the State of Texas. As with SB 4, our analysis, as well as the findings of U.S. Chief District Judge Garcia who has heard our complaint have found numerous constitutional issues with these provisions. Due to the limited time I am afforded here today and the numerous issues with these provisions, I have included a copy of the Judges order in Section 2 of my written testimony. Suffice to say, Judge Garcia has enjoined the State of Texas from implementing majority of provisions found in SB 4.

I would be also be remiss as a resident of the great state of Wisconsin if I did not at least mention additional litigation applicable to SB 275 regarding financial penalties. Earlier this year, in the County of Santa Clara and City and County of San Francisco v. Donald J. Trump, et al, a nationwide injunction was placed upon Executive Order 13768 titled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States" regarding section 9(a). This executive order purports to "ensure the jurisdictions that fail to comply with applicable Federal law do not receive Federal funds, except



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as mandated by law.” This was found by Judge Orrick to have numerous constitutional issues and as I stated earlier, this executive order is under a nationwide injunction. Once again, due to time constraints, I have included a copy of Judge Orrick’s decision in Section 3 of my written testimony for your review.

I have also included in Section 4 of my written remarks, legal clarification as to the nature of detainer requests from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It is important to know that detainer requests are not court orders, and per ICE itself, is a voluntary request and do not carry the weight of a court order, and as such, their execution cannot be mandated by the state.

In closing, I would like to add that not only does SB 275 have numerous constitutional issues, but above and beyond, our analysis has shown that it is simply not in the “Public Interest”. As a state we pride ourselves on fair play, in helping our neighbors, on the benefits of working hard to provide for our families, and in times of need, lending a helping hand. SB 275 would send a message of fear and division and would have a chilling effect on police - community relations as well as have a disproportionate and discriminatory impact on individuals with prominent Hispanic features. As we all seek what is best for our state, do we not want each and every person to feel comfortable to report a crime that they witnessed or is in progress? Do we not want each and every person to feel comfortable calling the police or fire department when witnessing a medical emergency or a fire? Do we not want women and children to feel comfortable calling for aid if they are victims of domestic violence?

While there are some who say SB 275 is designed to help keep us safe, it will in fact have the opposite effect.

I could continue but once again I will simply say that the LULAC and LULAC Wisconsin for constitutional reasons I have mentioned above as well as for reasons of Public Interest cannot support SB 275.



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Once again, distinguished gentleladies and gentlemen, I appreciate your time and serious consideration of my remarks on the proposed bill.

May the Lord bless all of you, may the Lord bless the great state of Wisconsin and may the Lord continue bless the United States of America.

Thank you,

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