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**FORWARD LATINO RESPONDS TO EL PASO DOMESTIC TERRORIST
ADMISSION HE WAS TARGETING "MEXICANS"**

Franklin, WI – Earlier today law enforcement officials began to share information from their interrogation of the 21-year-old domestic terrorist, who killed 22 people and wounded numerous others in El Paso Texas on Saturday, August 3, 2019. In their remarks, officials stated the person they were holding admitted to being "the shooter" and that he was deliberately targeting "Mexicans." Of those he killed, 13 were American citizens, and the others Mexican nationals, many who came lawfully to shop for the day in the United States. Law enforcement officials are also investigating an online post that they believe came from him which refers to the "Hispanic invasion of Texas."

Darryl Morin, President of Forward Latino issued the following statement in response:

"Today's admission by this domestic terrorist confirms what we already knew, Latinos are literally being targeted. While these recent incidents have raised national awareness, over the last two years we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of hate crimes committed across the United States. We have cautioned our elected officials time and time again against making incendiary remarks and false statements fearing it would lead to further acts of hate. Today we now have confirmation. Our fears have become our reality.

Forward Latino calls on our elected officials to condemn these acts of hate and the white supremacist movement as well as pass meaningful firearm reform that keeps individuals who pose a threat to themselves and to others from being able to purchase firearms."

About Forward Latino:

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy and service organization dedicated to assisting Latinos pursuing the American Dream. Forward Latino fulfills its mission through advocacy, civic engagement, education and service delivery. Forward Latino currently has members in 19 states. Learn more at www.forwardlatino.org.

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