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FORWARD LATINO CONDEMNS MASS HATE CRIME IN COLORADO SPRINGS & CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE PASSSAGE OF BIPARTISIAN RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT

Franklin, WI – Forward Latino, a non-partisan, non-profit service, and advocacy organization condemns the mass hate crime that occurred last night in Colorado Springs, Colorado and calls for the immediate passage of the bipartisan Respect for Marriage Act.

Darryl Morin, Forward Latino National President issued the following statement:

"Last night in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a gunman armed with an AR-15 style assault rifle and motivated by hate and extremism took the lives of at least 5 individuals and wounded an additional 25. The murdered and wounded were targeted for doing no more than living their lives peacefully, openly and honestly.

As an organization that represents a community that has suffered a mass hate crime, we stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ community and offer our prayers for those lost and the wounded.

In 2022 alone we have seen more than 240 anti-LGBTQ pieces of legislation submitted for consideration in state legislatures. To quell the extremist rhetoric that continues to fuel these acts of hate and to codify governments, both federal and state, recognition of lawful marriages regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, or nation of origin, Forward Latino calls for the immediate passage of the bipartisan Respect for Marriage Act by the U.S. Congress."

About Forward Latino:
Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that empowers affiliates to inspire and engage communities, strengthen our democracy, improve the lives of working families, protect the environment, and stand up for equality and civil rights. Forward Latino cultivates, trains, and supports a diverse national network of Latina/o/x community leaders addressing the civic, economic, and political challenges of the 21st century. Forward Latino has members and affiliates across 29 states.

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