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**FORWARD LATINO CALLS FOR MEANINGFUL ACTION ON IMMIGRATION AND
THE PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHT OF ASYLUM**

Franklin, WI – Forward Latino, a national non-profit, non-partisan service and advocacy organization with members and affiliates in twenty-nine states and headquartered in Franklin, Wisconsin issued the following statement regarding the Biden Administration’s announced Executive Action on border security.

National President Darryl Morin issued the following statement:

“Forward Latino continues to call for meaningful immigration reform that will provide for the nation’s security and economy, while still upholding its commitment to the protection of human rights and with it, human dignity. Today’s announced executive action does not meet this standard.

While political unrest, persecution and violence continue to impact immigration flows, the overwhelming number of immigrants coming to the United States do so for economic opportunity. There is a direct correlation between U.S. unemployment rates and immigration flows. Today, America has a labor shortage of more than 2,000,000 workers, resulting in elevated numbers of immigrants coming to the United States.

If the United States is serious about securing its borders, then it must address the primary driver of these immigration flows. For this reason, Forward Latino calls on President Biden to use his authority to grant parole and work authorization to the undocumented population that have resided in the United States for an extended period of time as well as those who are spouses of United States Citizens. As required by the parole process, these individuals would first need to pass an exhaustive background check before being granted this temporary status.

Granting parole and work authorization to these individuals would not only drastically reduce immigration flows, but would allow those currently living in the shadows, to fully contribute to the growth of our economy, to stabilize wages which in turn would reduce inflation and lastly, to contribute to the prosperity of all Americans.”

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. Learn more at www.forwardlatino.org.

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