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FORWARD LATINO WELCOMES SENATOR BOB MENDENDEZ PLAN TO ADDRESS U.S. NATIONAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY CONCERNS WHILE ADDRESSING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AT THE BORDER

Franklin, WI: Forward Latino, a non-profit, non-partisan service and advocacy organization headquartered in Franklin, Wisconsin and with members and affiliates across 29 states issued the following statement following release of an immigration plan by U.S. Senator Bob Menendez's (D-New Jersey).

Statement from National President Darryl Morin:

"Forward Latino welcomes the proposal put forth this morning by U.S. Senator Bob Menendez. While we continue to review the details of the plan, it takes a proactive approach in addressing our nation's growing security and economic needs as well as the growing humanitarian crisis at our nation's southern border. Since the implementation of Title 42 by the previous administration, tens of thousands of individuals fleeing persecution, extreme violence and poverty have been denied their lawful right to apply for asylum in our country. This has not only created tremendous pressure on the border and our border protection agents, but has created a humanitarian crisis as asylum seekers, some who have been waiting over two years for their opportunity to apply, continue to be preyed upon by cartels active in the area.

We look forward to working with the Senator, Congressional leadership, and the administration in developing the plan into a workable solution that will address our nation's security and economic needs while holding true to our nation's commitment to being the champions of freedom, liberty, and the human spirit."

About Forward Latino:

Forward Latino 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. We cultivate, train, and support a diverse national network of Latina/o/x community leaders addressing the civic, economic, and political challenges of the 21st century. Learn more at www.forwardlatino.org.

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