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## **The Latino Coalition Strongly Opposes HR 4437**

**Washington, D.C.** – The Board of Directors of The Latino Coalition (TLC) today announced their strong opposition to H.R. 4437, the so-called “Border Protection, Anti-terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005”, and urged Members of Congress to vote against this legislation.

“Passage of this legislation is simply a cheap display of partisan politics over a real commitment to address the broken immigration policies of our country and a genuine effort to increase border security,” said TLC President Robert De Posada. “This legislation is not well thought out and works against real efforts to pass comprehensive reform early next year.”

“We strongly support efforts to increase funding, technology and personnel in our borders to help secure all points of entry into this country,” DePosada added. “However, if Congress is serious about real reform to protect our borders, they cannot ignore the economic needs of our country and the need for a serious temporary worker program, to reduce the flow of illegal immigrants across the borders. Both the border security and immigration reform provisions must go hand in hand in order to have a serious and effective bill to accomplish the goals we all support.”

“This legislation does not have a chance to be enacted in to law. We urge Chairman Sensenbrenner to withdraw this bill and work with other responsible Members of Congress from both parties in order to complete a serious, comprehensive and well thought out reform package that will keep America safe and secure, and will promote continued economic growth and prosperity,” DePosada added. “In its current form, HR 4437 is simply an example of putting partisan politics over the good of the country, and we strongly urge Members of Congress to reject it.”

The Latino Coalition is a non-profit, non-partisan organization based in Washington, D.C. TLC was established to address policy issues that directly affect the well-being of Hispanics in the United States. TLC’s agenda is to develop and promote policies that will foster economic equivalency and enhance overall business, economic, and social development of Hispanics. For more information please visit our website at [www.TheLatinoCoalition.com](http://www.TheLatinoCoalition.com).

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