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Giuliani to Address The Latino Coalition's 2007 Small Business Economic Summit

**– Wellpoint, Inc. Incoming President & CEO Braly to address Health Care
and Congressman Luis Gutierrez to address Immigration Reform –**

Washington, D.C. – The Board of Directors of The Latino Coalition announced today that former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani will be a keynote speaker at the 2007 Small Business Economic Summit to be held at the Four Season's Hotel in Washington, D.C. on May 1-2, 2007.

“We are honored that Mayor Giuliani will address Latino business and community leaders from across the country at this summit,” said TLC Chairman Hector Barreto. “As Mayor, Rudy Giuliani received strong support among Latinos due to his leadership in growing the economy in New York City and resurrecting the inner city neighborhoods where many Latino families reside. Sharing his ideas about the future with the attendees in a town-hall format will help open up a serious national discussion on the issues affecting Latinos in our overall economy.”

Also, Angela Braly, the incoming President and CEO of Wellpoint, Inc., the nation's largest health insurance company, confirmed her address to this economic summit. “The uninsured levels among U.S. Latinos are three times higher than the rest of the population, making this one of the most important issues affecting our community,” said TLC President Robert Deposada. “Having the nation's largest health insurance company participate in a town-hall meeting format will help our members and attendees understand the problems with the system and share potential solutions to this crisis.”

Addressing the issue of comprehensive immigration reform is one of the top priorities of the Latino business community. Congressman Luis Gutierrez (D-IL), a leader in Congress on this critical issue, has also confirmed his participation. “Representative Gutierrez has been one of the most responsible and common-sense voices in Congress seeking immigration reform,” Deposada added. “Luis has pushed aside partisan extremists in order to seek common ground and legislative language that can pass Congress and be signed by the President, in order to help solve this crisis. We are very excited to count on his participation.”

Giuliani is the first of several of the major presidential candidates who are expected to address this conference. Other invited guests to the Summit include President George W. Bush, U.S. Senators Hillary Clinton, John McCain and Barrack Obama, and Governor Bill Richardson, among other corporate leaders and elected and appointed officials.

Other organizations that will co-host this Summit, include the Inter-American College of Physicians and Surgeons, the National Forum for Latino Healthcare Executives, the National Coalition of Latino Clergy, the Caribbean-Central America Action, and the Association of Mexicans Abroad, among others. For more information, please visit our website at www.TheLatinoCoalition.com.

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