



## Republican National Hispanic Assembly

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### **Hispanic Republicans Laud Senate Compromise** *Express support for Martinez/Hagel Amendment*

**WASHINGTON D.C.** - The Republican National Hispanic Assembly (RNHA) today expressed support for the Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL) and Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE) amendment. The RNHA urges Senators to continue with the debate, seek a compromise to the legislation, and pass comprehensive immigration reform immediately.

"The Senator Martinez/Hagel amendment provides a viable compromise to the immigration debate," said National Chairman, Pedro Celis, Ph.D. "Our border security and immigration system are in desperate need of reform. It is imperative that the Senate take action and pass comprehensive immigration reform for the security of this nation, the health of our economy and the future of this country," said Celis.

"This amendment builds on country's needs of strong border security, effective interior enforcement, and a worker program that is not a blanket amnesty. These provisions are strongly supported in the Hispanic community," said First Vice Chairman, Jose Fuentes Agostini, Esq.

"We urge Democrat and Republican Senators to build on the general agreement in favor of comprehensive immigration reform, adopt the Martinez/Hagel amendment, and amend the Committee's blueprint with an acceptable compromise, instead of obstructing progress" said Celis.

The RNHA advocates for comprehensive immigration reform focusing on border security, strong interior enforcement and a guest worker program, as proposed by President George W. Bush.

For more information on immigration reform visit [www.immigrationreformnow.org](http://www.immigrationreformnow.org)

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*The mission of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly is to build a membership organization to foster the principles of the Republican Party in the Hispanic community, provide Hispanic Americans with a forum to play an influential role in local, state, and national Party activities, increase the number of Hispanic Republican elected officials, and create and maintain a network of Hispanic Republican leaders.*

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