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RE: Sponsorship of SB 5734

Honorable Senators Chase, Baumgartner, Miloscia, Saldana, Keiser, Conway, Hasegawa, McCoy, Braun, Honeyford, Brown, Kuderer, Rivers and Warnick;

We write to you today in gratitude for your support of Senate Bill 5734. Without your help and leadership this bill would not have been passed with a resounding 49-0 tally.

The Commission on Hispanic Affairs as stated in our mission statement says, we strive to improve public policy development and the delivery of government services to the Hispanic community. To that end, it is successful partnerships like these with willing Senators that not only improve the lives of Latinos in our State, but all Washingtonians. When we can work together to pass much needed reforms the likes of which SB 5734 produce, it is a positive step in the right direction towards inclusion and opportunity for all.

We would especially like to thank Senator Miloscia, Senator Warnick, and Senator Chase as well as the Senate State Government Committee for giving this important legislation a platform to be addressed and for the open and honest dialogue that allowed this bill to make it to the floor for a vote.

Thank you again to all the Senators involved. We look forward to a continued partnership working together on future reforms and legislation that continue moving Washington State forward in a direction we can all support.

Best Regards,

Andres J. Mantilla
Chair
Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs