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STATE BUSINESS EXECUTIVES APPLAUDS INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITY ACT

WASHINGTON, DC – State Business Executives (SBE) issued the following in regards to the immigration reform legislation, the Dignity Act, introduced by Congresswoman Maria Salazar (FL-27):

*"State Business Executives (SBE) applauds the introduction of the 'Dignity Act', proposed immigration reform legislation that is not only long overdue, but also builds upon many previous proposals offered by both Democrats and Republicans. Representative Salazar has put forth a significant and meaningful proposal that highlights the urgency for reform. There are considerable benefits to Dreamers, families, communities, and industry from getting an immigration bill to the President's desk, states **Jeff Wasden, SBE President & CEO**. "We look forward to working with Rep. Salazar and her colleagues to find consensus, and areas for improvement, that will positively impact our labor force and economy. Common sense, practical, and humane reforms to our current outdated immigration system that offer certainty to temporary protected status holders, DACA recipients, farm workers, etc., while creating order and systematic processes for migrants arriving at our borders should be our highest priority. It is not just those in the business community that want commonsense reforms, this is an area where widespread bipartisan support exists and SBE is committed to working with Rep. Salazar to advance these much needed reforms."*

Board Chair Justin Yancy, President of the Texas Business Leadership Council said, *"The lack of clear, common sense immigration policies in the United States hampers economic growth and opportunity. SBE applauds Rep. Salazar on the introduction of this bipartisan proposal and looks forward to working with the Representative and her colleagues on sound and timely immigration reform."*

"Immigration Reform is long overdue, and it is time to recognize that doing it the way we do it now, is unacceptable" stated **Peter Guzman, President of the Latin Chamber of Commerce Nevada**.

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