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### **Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BHCC) Leadership Rebuke Harmful Rhetoric**

AUSTIN, Texas - In light of the recent comments made by the presumptive Republican Presidential Nominee, Republican Chairman, Florida State Senator Rene Garcia, and the Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BHCC) completely rebuke the harmful and misguided remarks. Comments made that discount any individual's ability to objectively conduct their professional duties based solely on their race or heritage is wholly inappropriate and run counter to the values and ideals of our country.

Despite the characterization by Mr. Trump that his comments are in line with his first amendment rights, his comments targeted at Federal Circuit Court Judge Gonzalo Curiel are inaccurate, and serve to damage America's cross-cultural identity. Regardless of a person's race, religion, ethnicity, gender or any other personal trait, when they are Americans they are simply Americans. To claim that a federal judge cannot perform his duties appropriately because of his ancestral heritage is the definition of racism; period.

This toxic rhetoric is neither productive nor beneficial to the national election-year dialogue, and unjustifiably serve to use Mr. Trump's newly found political influence to put unwarranted pressure on a member of the federal judiciary to influence the outcome of a private civil matter. Additionally, this nation was built on the contributions and advancements of many diverse cultures and ethnicities, to forget this is to forget what makes our nation exceptional. We compel Mr. Trump to not forget this significant part of our history, and we encourage him to retract his statements.

### **About the Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs**

The Board of Hispanic Caucus Chairs (BHCC) is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization comprised of the current chairs and vice chairs of all state Hispanic caucuses, as well as the Hispanic legislators who serve as the chairs of their respective state legislative committees and or other state legislative leadership positions. The BHCC strives to provide a medium for Hispanic leaders to engage in substantive dialogue, as well as address pressing issues in the Hispanic

community and the nation as a whole. If you would like to learn more about the BHCC please visit our website at [www.bohcc.com](http://www.bohcc.com) or contact Gabriel Sepulveda at (512) 275-1905, [Gabriel@bohcc.com](mailto:Gabriel@bohcc.com).

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