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### **Los Abogados Calls on President Trump to Regard the Rule of Law**

Phoenix, Arizona – Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association calls on President Trump to halt his blatant disregard for America’s legal system and consideration of a pardon for Former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Earlier this year, Arpaio was found guilty of criminal contempt by a U.S. Federal Court due to his flagrant disregard of an Order of the Court to suspend “immigration round-ups”—as this practice unjustly profiled the Latino community. Arpaio’s actions demonstrated the most extreme disdain for the laws of our Nation. To pardon Arpaio for his flippant treatment of a court order is justification for all to dismiss our legal process.

Los Abogados President, Jason Barraza, stated, “No one in America is above the law. Our system of justice is what binds us together, provides protection for those oppressed, and punishment for their oppressors. A pardon of Joe Arpaio would be a slap in the face to the Hispanic Community, and a signal to Hispanics across the Nation that refuge is no longer available in our legal system.”

As President Trump visits the City of Phoenix, located in Maricopa County, the memory of the unjust and bullying practices of our former Sheriff are fresh in the minds of the Hispanic Community. Rhetoric that exhorts the virtues of a “wall,” that has been a mainstay of the current Administration, has only continued to produce fear and hate. A Presidential pardon of Former Sheriff Joe Arpaio will only solidify these circumstances. President Trump must heal and unify the Nation—ceasing the hurtful rhetoric that continues to divide us.

*Los Abogados is Arizona's Hispanic Bar Association. Founded in 1976 and incorporated in 1988, members of Los Abogados include private and public attorneys, judges, businesspeople, paralegals, and law students. Members practice throughout Arizona and presently serve as officers and directors of county, state, and federal bar associations. The mission of Los Abogados is to enhance the legal profession by promoting diversity, improving the quality and administration of legal services, encouraging education in the Latino community, supporting the just application of Civil Rights, and advocating for the Latino community. Los Abogados is an affiliate of the National Hispanic Bar Association.*