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IDAHO BUSINESS LEADERS CALL FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM LEGISLATION – JOINING SEN. RAND PAUL, GROVER NORQUIST, GOV. SUSANA MARTINEZ, DR. BEN CARSON AND OTHER CONSERVATIVE LEADERS WHO PRESENTED THE CONSERVATIVE AND ECONOMIC CASE FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM IN WASHINGTON TIMES SPECIAL SECTION

107 Top GOP Donors Call on New Congress to Lead on Immigration Reform Now

BOISE, IDAHO — Today Idaho business leaders spoke at an event and called on the Idaho delegation to work toward passing meaningful immigration reform in Congress as soon as possible. Participating in today's event were Brent Olmstead, President Milk Producers of Idaho and Executive Director for the Idaho Business Coalition for Immigration Reform and Ivan Castillo, President Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Also today, *The Washington Times* released a special section, "Immigration: Conservative and Economic Solutions to Act Now" featuring a wide range of ideas from conservative and business leaders all united in calling on the new Congress to reform our immigration system.

"We are calling on Congress to pass immigration reform legislation that will allow our economy to grow and strengthen America," said Brent Olmstead. "Republicans now have control of the House and the Senate. Now is the time for them to live up to promises they made in the election and fix the broken immigration system."

"Now that Republicans control Congress, they have the opportunity to finally give America the immigration system we all deserve," said Ivan Castillo. "When you give people the opportunity to come out of the shadows, you give people the opportunity to help this country."

The special section in *The Washington Times* included OpEds, letters, and opinion statements from:

- The Washington Times Editorial Board
- Senator Rand Paul, Kentucky
- Governor Susana Martinez, New Mexico
- Grover Norquist, Founder and President of Americans for Tax Reform
- Dr. Ben Carson, Political Commentator
- Rep. Jason Chaffetz, Congressman from the 3rd District of Utah
- Tom Donohue, President & CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- **John Engler,** President, the Business Roundtable
- Jay Timmons, President & CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers

- **Dan Garza**, Executive Director, The LIBRE Initiative
- **Bob Stallman**, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, **Tom Nassif**, President of Western Growers, and the CEOs of the Agriculture Workforce Coalition
- Alex Nowrasteh, CATO Institute
- More than 100 top GOP donors

"Immigration: Conservative and Economic Solutions to Act Now" will be released in conjunction with a national event in Washington DC hosted by Grover Norquist, President & CEO of Americans for Tax Reform, and 20 local events in 20 states across the country, featuring conservative leaders making the case for Congress to take action now. The national event will feature John Solomon, Editor of the *Washington Times*, Dan Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative, and Chuck Conner, President, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.