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ISSUES STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO DHS MEMO

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SACRAMENTO, CA — Rev. Dr. Samuel Rodriguez, President of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC), issues the following statement in response to recently issues DHS guidance memo on immigration enforcement:

“While many questions remain as to the specific implications of the recently released DHS guidance memos, I am nevertheless pleased to see Secretary Kelly and the Department of Homeland Security will honor President Trump’s promise to protect DREAMers by leaving DACA and DAPA/expanded DACA intact. I am also encouraged to learn the DHS will maintain the previous administration’s policy of keeping churches and schools off-limits from future immigration enforcement actions.

“I urge this administration to continue pursuing comprehensive immigration reform legislation that includes bipartisan Congressional support. In the meantime, I will continue to vigilantly monitor how these guidance memos are carried out by immigration enforcement officials, ensuring there is no enforcement overreach, breach of due process or racial discrimination. I ask the administration to enact and fulfill the promise President Trump made not to harm families and exclusively deport those involved in nefarious activities. Please, let us keep families together.”

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Rev. Samuel Rodriguez is president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference. He has been named by CNN and Fox News as “the leader of the Hispanic Evangelical movement” and TIME Magazine nominated him among the 100 most influential leaders in America.

NHCLC/CONEL is the world’s largest Hispanic Christian organization. It serves as a representative voice for the more than 100 million Hispanic Evangelicals assembled in over 40,000 U.S. churches and another 500,000 congregations spread throughout the Spanish-speaking diaspora.

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