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Latinos Outrage Over President's Massive Deportation Program Hits Obama Campaign Atlanta Democratic Party Headquarters

Thousands of Petitions Delivered, Similar Actions Across Nation Directed at State Campaign Offices Multiply as Latino Disillusion Grows

Controversial SCOMM Deportation Program Could Prove Costly on Election Day

WHAT: Rally and delivery of thousands of petitions demanding immediate termination of President Obama's SecureCommunities (SCOMM) program. Actions against Obama's unprecedented expansion of the program increase across the nation.

WHEN: National Day of Action on Tuesday August 16, 2011.

WHERE/TIME: 763 Trabert Ave, Atlanta, Ga. 30318 **11:00 am**

WHO: Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights and Presente.org. Nationwide: actions are being carried out by National Alliance of Latin America & Caribbean Communities, Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights, CRECEN in Houston, Centro Presente in Boston, Florida Immigrant Coalition, We Count!, Students Working for Equal Rights (SWER) and many others.

Background – Latinos, immigrants and their allies are set to rally this Tuesday August 16 in cities across the nation and deliver thousands of petitions to President Obama's national campaign headquarters in Chicago and other locales as part of a National Day of Action. They will be expressing their outrage for Obama's recent and controversial decision to aggressively expand the use of local police officers as immigration agents through the highly controversial federal program known as Secure Communities or SCOMM.

Following his record-breaking deportation of more than 1 million immigrants since taking office in 2009, President Obama is taking steps that will wreak even greater havoc and devastation on immigrant communities.—The numerous organizations leading Tuesday's actions are demanding that President Obama bring an immediate end to SCOMM.

“There have been more deportations on President Obama's watch than at any time in American history — If the President continues to alienate Latino voters he will lose the election, plain and simple,” said Teodoro Maus from the Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights and he adds “He cannot expect Latino voters and an entire community simply stand by and watch as he expands the extremely controversial SCOMM program that tears families apart. Latinos throughout the United States are fed up with the Obama Administration's continuation and aggressive expansion of a Bush deportation program that Police chiefs, lawyers and community leaders across the country have denounced as



ineffective and wasteful with urgently-needed local law enforcement resources”

Latinos taking action against the Obama campaign and SCOMM join the already strong opposition to the program from law enforcement officials, communities and elected officials, including governors like Pat Quinn of Illinois, Andrew Cuomo of New York and Deval Patrick of Massachusetts. The concerns surrounding the dangers of this partnership are being completely disregarded by the Obama Administration.

Thousands of petitions to end SCOMM were collected by Presente.org. These petitions will be delivered on Tuesday at 12noon to national headquarters of the Obama campaign in Chicago. Obama campaign and Democratic Party offices in cities throughout the country will also be the site of rallies and petition deliveries.

