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Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida to Protest Representative Carlos Curbelo's Silence on Donald Trump's Pronouncements Disparaging Mexican Immigrants

WHAT: Members of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida and numerous other community activists will gather in front of the Miami offices of U.S. Representative Carlos Curbelo (Florida District 26) to vigorously protest his silence as it pertains to Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump's disparaging comments regarding Mexican immigrants in the United States.

WHO: Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida members and other South Florida community activists.

WHERE: Representative Carlos Curbelo's Miami office, 12851 SW 42nd Street, Miami FL 33175.

WHEN: Friday July 10, 2015 at 10:30AM.

WHY: Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump's comments characterizing immigrants from Mexico as people who are "bringing drugs, and bringing crime" and who are "rapists" have caused widespread consternation in the Hispanic community nationwide.

"It is mindboggling that Representative Carlos Curbelo has not come forward to oppose the negative stereotype that offends many Latinos in this country when inaccurate biased statements are made to hurt the Hispanic community", said Vivian Rodriguez, President of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida. "Representative Curbelo represents one of the most heavily populated Hispanic districts in the State of Florida, but over the last three weeks since Donald Trump first made his inexcusable comments about our community, his silence has been deafening."

“South Florida Hispanics are extremely upset with Carlos Curbelo,” said Dr. Leonarda Duran Buike, President of the Miami Dade Chapter of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida, “He is supposed to be our Representative in Washington DC, but by not speaking out against Mr. Trump’s comments he is failing to represent us and express the pain that his statement has caused in our community.”

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The Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida’s mission is to stimulate a participating interest in public affairs that will foster better and more representative government for Hispanics; increase the political power and influence of Hispanic Democrats within the Florida Democratic Party; unite the Hispanic Democrats in the State of Florida; promote principles of the Democratic party at all levels; encourage qualified Hispanic citizens to become candidates for public office and support applicable campaign efforts to elect all Democratic party nominees; support and solicit for legislation and government action on a national, state, county and local level which reflects the best interest of the Hispanic community.