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America First Latinos Applauds Georgia Senator David Perdue

Today, America First Latinos, <u>www.AmericaFirstLatinos.org</u>, leader Maria Espinoza sent a letter to Senator David Perdue (GA) congratulating him for stepping forward to end the confirmation process of President Obama's nominee for federal judge, Dax Lopez.

Last week, Senator Perdue made public his concerns regarding Lopez and his decadelong affiliation with the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO) and declined to support advancement of Lopez's nomination to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

America First Latinos supports and agrees with that decision.

GALEO and its executive director are well-known in Georgia for their advocacy and virulent lobbying against enforcement of our immigration laws and advancing public safety by honoring ICE detainers' for criminal aliens in local jails. In addition, GALEO has openly opposed voter ID laws with the complaint that proof of citizenship is a hardship for Hispanics. "We are firm in our opposition to such tactics and want to make it clear that liberty loving Latinos reject these offensive and dangerous views," says Espinoza.

On Judge Lopez's eleven-year position on the board of directors of GALEO, Senator Perdue said in a statement that he is "uncomfortable" with that relationship and "particularly concerned with his continued participation with this organization and his public comments after he became a state judge."

Creating and using the absurd and offensive stereotype that Hispanics are somehow opposed to immigration enforcement, a secure voting system or are in lockstep with GALEO's radical mission is insulting and must be answered in a loud clear voice of reason," said Ms. Espinoza.