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Honorable, Sam Brownback
Governor, State of Kansas
300 SW 10th Avenue, Suite 212-S
Topeka, KS

Dear Governor Brownback:

Recently, Adrienne Foster, the Executive Director of the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission (KHLAAC) gave a troubling interview to Steve Kraske of the Kansas City Star concerning her support of the candidacy of Donald Trump for President. While Ms. Foster is perfectly entitled to support whomever she wishes for President, Ms. Foster gave the interview representing herself as the Executive Director of KHLAAC and that fact is what is troubling.

Donald Trump has described Latin American immigrants as being killers, criminals, drug dealers and rapists, has called for the building of a wall between the U.S. and Mexico and has even praised the beating of a Latin American man by his supporters.

Obviously Trump's comments are not only inaccurate they are also highly inflammatory and discriminatory against all Latin Americans in this country. Statements like his are exactly what creates fear in the Latin American community whenever they seek the assistance of the KHLAAC.

Ms. Foster has diminished her position and the KHLAAC with her statements and she should resign her position immediately. As your representative to the Latin American community in this state we call on you to request for the resignation of Ms. Foster.

Respectively,

Rep. Louis Ruiz
HD 31 - Kansas City

Rep. John Alcala
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cc – Adrienne Foster, Executive Director KHLAAC
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