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## **MANA Urges Confirmation of The Honorable Hilda Solis As Secretary of Labor**

MANA, A National Latina Organization, with headquarters in Washington, DC, twenty-five Chapters nationwide and six affiliates across the nation, urges the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the U.S. Senate to confirm The Honorable Hilda Solis as Secretary of Labor on President Barack Obama's Cabinet.

Congresswoman Solis, an outstanding and visionary leader in national policies and an extraordinarily effective member of the House of Representatives, has an impeccable reputation and credentials. She is solid on workplace issues and dedicated to ensuring that every worker and employer is prepared and positioned to move our nation forward. Her strength has been tested under the most difficult of circumstances, including threats to her life and that of her family. Even then she acted bravely and wisely and in the interest of those who had no voice. Her proven abilities, intelligence, integrity and strength of character are what make her the right person for this position.

The people and the nation deserve to have such a qualified individual helping set the critical direction for today's and tomorrow's workforce. The fact that she is a woman and a Hispanic are pluses, but it is her overall ability that demands her confirmation for this position. We strongly urge the immediate confirmation of Hilda Solis. The delay in her confirmation raises questions as to why the confirmation of the only Latina nominee for the Cabinet has taken longer than any other's.

The members of MANA, women, and Hispanics across America are looking forward to seeing The Honorable Hilda Solis confirmed as Secretary of Labor.

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**About MANA:** MANA, A National Latina Organization, is a nonprofit advocacy organization headquartered in Washington, DC.

With chapters across the country, it is the oldest national Latina membership organization in the United States. MANA, whose mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service and advocacy, envisions a national community of informed Latina activists working to improve the quality of life for all Hispanics. MANA also has the only national Latina mentoring program for girls 11-18, *HERMANITAS*®, which brings over 100 girls each year to a Washington, DC, Latina leadership institute that includes educational activities at the White House, on Capitol Hill, and at the Pentagon.