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**MANA Statement on Supreme Court Decision in
Fisher v. University of Texas**

Washington, DC June 23, 2016 - We are thrilled to see that today the Supreme Court upheld the importance of diversity in college admissions in the decision on Fisher v. University of Texas. As we have always championed, an academic setting should be accessible to students of all races, ethnicities, and religions. Not only are diverse students qualified for college admissions, but they help build an inclusive, strong student body. Perhaps due in part to the increasing diversity of the Supreme Court itself, the ruling was a victory for diversity and inclusion on college campuses across the country, not just the University of Texas.

"It gives us strength to know that students applying for college can be secure in knowing that their diversity, in addition to their tremendous qualifications, are valued at institutes of higher education. For organizations like MANA, who encourage young students to strive for higher academic goals and pursuits, today we can confidently tell our students that opportunity will continue to exist for them," said Amy Hinojosa, MANA President and CEO.

Founded in 1974, MANA, A National Latina Organization® (MANA) is a national grassroots membership organization with chapters, individual members and affiliates across the country. MANA represents the interests of Latina women, youth and families on issues that impact our communities. MANA contributes the leading Latina voice on many of the major issues in the public sphere, particularly in the areas of education, health and well-being, financial literacy, equal and civil rights, and immigration reform.

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