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**Kick-off Events for Statewide Push for Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

El Paso, Texas – Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance (RITA) will launch a statewide push for comprehensive immigration reform in cities across Texas. The statewide coalition of immigration reform organizations and advocates is partnering with the Border Network for Human Rights to organize the local event, which will be a rally taking place on August 29th, 2009 at the El Paso Convention Center.

Similar kick-off events will take place simultaneously across the state of Texas such as Austin, Lubbock, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Juan, and across the Texas Valley as part of the effort.

The El Paso rally will feature speakers from all the sectors affected by immigration including community members, elected officials, law enforcement leaders, business, academia, and environmentalists. Congressman Reyes will also be producing an address to the rally to be played via video.

The Border Network for Human Rights is proud that the Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance has chosen the El Paso and southern New Mexico region as the featured kick-off event. The Border Network for Human Rights is excited to be able to organize an event that will humanize the complexities of the immigration reform debate and provide solutions to the problems our community faces.

**What: Statewide Kickoff Rally**
**When:** August 29th, 2009 2:00pm-4:00pm
**Where:** El Paso Convention Center
**Featuring:** Over 500 Community Members & Local Leaders

**About Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance:**

The Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance is a multi-sector statewide network dedicated to building support for a sensible immigration policy. The goal of the organization is to form a common Texas voice and vision on immigration policy and educate our elected officials on the need to fix America’s broken immigration system with fair, humane and sensible policies that foster America’s strength, security and prosperity. RITA priorities include: a pathway to citizenship, keeping families together, respecting human and civil rights, community security, establishment of a responsible and accountable border policy, support for immigrant integration, development of a practical system for future workers, and addressing the root cause of migration.

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