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Gov. Rauner's Veto of Immigrant Protection Bills Will Hurt All of Illinois

CHICAGO, IL – The Latino Policy Forum joins the vast number of Latinos in the state of Illinois who are feeling shocked and dismayed today by Governor Bruce Rauner's decision to veto the Immigrant Tenant Protection Act and a package of other immigrant related bills.

"It was only a year ago this week that Latinos in Illinois were celebrating with the governor his signing of the Trust Act and are extremely disappointed at his decision that does an about face for the state," Forum Executive Director Sylvia Puente said.

The Forum worked diligently with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) and the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law to get bi-partisan support for the Immigrant Tenant Protection Act (SB3103), which both houses of the Legislature agreed is sound public policy.

The Shriver Center also condemns Governor Rauner's veto of SB3103. The legislation would have protected all Illinoisans by prohibiting landlords from harassing, mistreating, or evicting tenants based on any perceived immigration status. The bill would make Illinois a better place to rent property and a fairer place to live.

It is disgraceful that in the year of the 50th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act Governor Rauner has chosen to veto SB3103, putting hateful and discriminatory politics ahead of secure housing for all Illinois residents.