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## **ALAS PROCLAIMS HOUSE AMENDMENT AS SHATTERING THE DREAMS OF MANY OF OUR LATINO STUDENTS**

MARLBOROUGH, MA – June 12, 2013 – The Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS) Board President, Alberto Carvalho, issued the following statement in response to the amendment sponsored by Representative Steve King of Iowa to the 2014 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriations bill that was passed last week by the House of Representatives on a vote of 224 to 201. The amendment in effect keeps the DHS from using discretion in the deportation of young, undocumented immigrants identified as low-priority which in essence would require DHS to deport DREAMers (immigrants who came into this country illegally as young children through no action of their own).

“Our job is to educate all students and provide them the tools necessary to succeed in life and career. But, the amendment passed by the House last week has made it difficult for some of our Latino students to be successful and productive citizens of our community.”

“Instead of the House signaling that they in earnest support our students staying in school, graduating and joining our workforce, the House has indicated to our students that there is no place for them in the only country that they have called home and no matter how bright and successful they perform in our schools, they will be subject to being deported from this country along with hardened criminals.”

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### **About the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (ALAS)**

The ALAS Mission is to provide leadership at the national level that assures every school in America effectively serves the educational needs of all students, with an emphasis on Latino youth, by building capacity, promoting best practices, and transforming educational institutions. ALAS was established in 2003 in response to a lack of national advocacy and representation of Latino students.

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