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Honorable Michael B. Hancock  
Mayor  
City & County of Denver  
1437 Bannock St., Room 350  
Denver, CO 80204

Dear Mayor Hancock,

After thorough review and careful consideration, The Denver Latino Commission ("DLC") asks that you and your administration support, actively engage in and promote the Colorado Compact led by the Honorable Senator Michael Bennet. The DLC believes the conversation about immigration is a paramount issue currently facing the City and County of Denver. Now is the right time to support the forward movement of the discussion for comprehensive immigration reform.

Currently, 16% of Denver's population are immigrants. As you are aware, there is also research to support that this number is growing and diversifying. Many members of the DLC have relatives or are ourselves immigrants, and know firsthand the challenges that face immigrants in this country, state and city. In reading the principles of the Compact, the DLC believes it is in the best interest of our city to sign the Compact and place ourselves at the discussion table.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration in this matter and ask you to join the many elected officials, Latino serving organizations and community leaders in participating in what is shaping up to be an historic event in Colorado's history. We also look forward to you meeting with the DLC to discuss this issue as well as other issues affecting the Latino community in Denver.

Very Respectfully,

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January 11, 2013

The Denver Latino Commission  
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Dear Denver Latino Commission:

Thank you for your December 19, 2012, letter regarding the Colorado Compact led by U.S. Senator Michael Bennet and former U.S. Senator Hank Brown. I enthusiastically support the Compact and believe it offers a common-sense, comprehensive and uniquely Colorado approach to addressing immigration reform at the national level.

As you know, federal immigration policies have a direct impact on Denver's residents and Denver's economy. We need long-overdue reforms that keep our communities strong, keep families together, ensure an adequate labor force for a growing economy, and maintain the safety of all of our residents. By following the Colorado Compact framework, I believe Washington can rise above partisan politics and craft reasonable, sensible changes. At the local level, we can also do a better job addressing the myriad issues facing Denver's growing immigrant and refugee populations. That's why we are creating a new Denver Immigrant and Refugee Commission.

I look forward to continuing this discussion with you, other elected officials and community leaders who are committed to fostering a more rational and collaborative approach to immigration policy than exists today.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hancock", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael B. Hancock  
Mayor