



## Colombianos Unidos Para Una Labor Activa

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**Mission:** To improve the social and economic status of the Latino community through civic, educational and humanitarian activities that illustrate the richness of Colombian culture.

Illinois House Redistricting Committee  
300 Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Members of the House Redistricting Committees,

The redistricting process demands careful attention to a multitude of interests. A new district map must not only abide by constitutional and statutory principles, but also balance the interests of all of Illinois citizens and communities. It is the position of the Colombianos Unidos Para Una Labor Activa (CUPULA) that the map proposed by the Illinois House adequately addresses these elements; thus, we support this map and House Bill 3760.

Our support is founded in our belief that the proposed maps adhere to core constitutional and statutory principles, including the federal Voting Rights Act and the new Illinois Voting Rights Act of 2011. The map adequately obeys the rule of “one-person, one-vote.”

Furthermore, the growth in Illinois’ Latino community commanded an increase in their representation in the General Assembly. In response, the proposed map increases the number of Latino majority districts. Moreover, the proposed map respects the interests of other communities that have toiled for decades for fair representation in the General Assembly, specifically African-Americans. Thus, CUPULA believes that the proposed map fairly balances the Latino community’s increase in population and African-American community’s interest in protecting their majority districts.

For these reasons, CUPULA supports House Bill 3760. We are committed to continuing an open dialogue with the legislature throughout this redistricting process. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

  
Henry A. Moya  
President, Board of Directors

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