

HISPANIC AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION



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Illinois House Redistricting Committee
300 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

RE: Support of HB 3760

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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 Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) 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. HACIA 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, HACIA supports House Bill 3760. We are committed to continuing an open dialogue with the legislature throughout this redistricting process. Thank you very much for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jorge J Perez
Executive Director