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**HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION JOINS NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO  
OPPOSE THE VITTER-BENNETT AMENDMENT AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL,  
DIVISIVE, AND AIMED AT UNDERMINING CENSUS 2010**

Washington, D.C. – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) will participate in a press conference on Capitol Hill to oppose a proposed amendment by U.S. Senators David Vitter (R – LA) and Robert Bennett (R – UT) that would require a question about the citizenship and immigration status of every American. This amendment seeks to undermine efforts for an accurate Census 2010, and discourage census participation in minority communities.

- WHAT:** Press Conference to Oppose the Vitter-Bennett Amendment
- WHO:** The HNBA will be represented by Liz Lopez, the HNBA Vice President for External Affairs
- WHEN:** **Tuesday, October 20th, 2009 at 11:00 AM EST**
- WHERE:** **Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 406**

The HNBA will be joined by a broad and diverse group of national and civil rights organizations including, NDN, The Asian American Justice Center (AAJC), the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), the National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials (NALEO), the Center for American Progress (CAP), the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), Demos, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF), and People for the American Way (PFAW).

“The amendment being proposed is not only reprehensible, it is unconstitutional,” said Román Hernández, HNBA President. “As an organization that represents the interests of over 100,000 Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors and law students in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, we take great issue with this amendment on a constitutional basis, and find it offensive to many in our profession who are immigrants themselves or serve immigrant communities,

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