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A NEW VOICE IN THE STATES

A fly-in for champions of the 2011 state legislative sessions

With Congress deadlocked and still unable to act on immigration, lawmakers across the country continue to take matters into their own hands. So far in 2011, ten states from the Southeast to the Rockies have enacted tough immigration enforcement measures, mandating E-Verify for some or all employers or empowering local police to ask people about their immigration status.

But not all the news from the states is bad. Many enforcement measures threatened or introduced in the last year lost momentum or died. In Utah, lawmakers combined tough enforcement with provisions to boost the local economy: a guest worker program to meet the state's future labor needs and an answer for the unauthorized immigrants already living and working in Utah. Most important for the future, a new set of voices is emerging in the states – Republicans and business leaders calling for pragmatism and more sensible law.

The future of state lawmaking on immigration is in question. Although the Supreme Court's recent ruling on Arizona's 2007 employer sanctions law is encouraging more states to take action, E-Verify legislation pending in the House would overturn many state laws on the books and preempt new ones. But one thing is certain: the new voices in the states are changing the debate, on their home turf and nationwide.

ImmigrationWorks is bringing some of the most persuasive of these state immigration champions to Washington for a series of forums and meetings on Capitol Hill. Please join them to hear about what happened in their legislatures and how they are changing the conversation on the ground beyond the Beltway.

WHEN

July 19, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

WHERE

Rayburn House Office Building B-338
Washington DC

PARTICIPANTS

Michelle Bolton, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Curt Bramble, Utah State Senator
Mark Gerstle, VP and CAO Cummins Inc.
Mark Shurtleff, Attorney General of Utah
Greg Zoeller, Attorney General of Indiana

We'll start the day with an event at the National Press Club cosponsored by the New America Foundation, followed by a briefing for Hill staffers and coordinated visits with members of Congress.

If you are INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, please email
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