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Media Availabilities for Pablo Alvarado, director of NDLO in Phoenix Arizona

This morning, the President spoke about SB 1070. He is reported to have said the following:

"Indeed, our failure to act responsibly at the federal level will only open the door to the irresponsibility of others. That includes efforts like the recent measure in Arizona, which threatens to undermine basic notions of fairness that we cherish as Americans, as well as the trust between police and their communities that is so crucial to keeping us safe.

In fact, I have instructed members of my Administration to closely monitor the situation and examine the civil rights and other implications of this legislation. But if we continue to fail to act at a federal level, we will continue to see misguided efforts opening up around the country."

The following is the reaction of Pablo Alvarado, director of NDLO:

"Actions speak louder than words. Today, we will likely know if Governor Brewer will sign legislation that tries to take Arizona back a generation. If she does, all eyes will turn to the President to see what, if anything, he does to move us forward again. On Sunday, a large rally is planned in Phoenix if the bill is signed into law. We hope President Obama can join us at that rally to announce swift action that the federal government will take to protect the civil rights of its residents."

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