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**LATINOS FOR BILL BRADY**

**Republican Latino Leaders Demand that Senator Bill Brady sever all ties with Blagojevich Operatives**

As the founding members of the Latinos for Brady and as Republican leaders of Illinois' Latino Community, we are demanding that Senator Bill Brady's campaign sever any and all ties with the former Blagojevich cronies mentioned in last night's Gubernatorial debate with Governor Quinn. As long time Republicans, we support Senator Brady because we strongly believe that he represents a 'clean break' from the sordid past of convicted former Governor Rod Blagojevich and his associates. We cannot allow our party and its standard bearer to be misled back to the days where pay-to-play politics ruled our state.

It is well known that both Dean Martinez and Juan Ochoa were major fundraisers for Governor Blagojevich. It is also well known that both organized one of the last fundraisers for Blagojevich just three days before the former Governor was arrested in December 2008. It is unconscionable to us and to the voters of Illinois that the Brady for Governor campaign accept any tainted contribution, monetary or other, from such individuals who played by Governor Blagojevich's illicit and illegal rules.

We believe that Senator Brady was misled and misinformed about these individuals and call upon his campaign to return any funds raised by these Blagojevich associates and sever ties with them immediately. Neither Martinez nor Ochoa is Republican, but more importantly, they do not represent the hard working citizens and business owners of the Latino Community in Illinois.

We stand committed to ensure that Senator Brady is elected Governor of our state on the mantra that a 'clean break' is indeed needed from the corrupt ways of the past governor. We expect the campaign and its staff to follow our call.

The State of Illinois and its voters, Latino and not, deserve it.

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