

A STATEMENT FROM LUPE MARTINEZ, PRESIDENT/CEO ON ASSEMBLY BILL 450 (AB 450)

**“As an opponent of AB 450, UMOs stands with the diverse voices calling for this unnecessary legislation to be defeated. While we appreciate and support efforts to make our neighborhoods safer, AB 450 would actually not have the end effect that its supporters suggest.**

**“UMOS officially went on record in opposition of the proposed legislation when the bill was first introduced and brought forth for public hearing. UMOs will continue to oppose this and other anti-immigrant legislation.**

**“However, UMOs will continue to support *important* legislation that works to improve the state’s economy, provide jobs and training for those that need it, and strives to make Wisconsin communities welcoming and inclusive for all.**

**“We urge the Senate to view AB 450 for just what it is: a bill that is needlessly divisive and distracting, and does nothing to improve the state’s economy or improve the quality of life for all of Wisconsin’s residents.”**

*UMOS is a non-profit, advocacy organization that provides programs and services which improve the employment, educational, health and housing opportunities of under-served populations*