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AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN: Austin immigration meeting to give voice to moderate conservatives

By Juan Castillo

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Conservatives are getting bad information from the wrong sources on immigration reform, according to the conservative organizer of a meeting Wednesday in Austin of faith, business and law enforcement leaders who support reforms.

“In conservative circles, there’s a lot of half-truths, lies and fiction that need to be discussed,” said Brad Bailey, a Houston restaurateur who blames what he called extremist groups for hijacking the immigration debate.

Bailey is a co-founder of Texas Immigration Solution, a nonprofit conservative group formed in 2012 that is joining with the Texas Association of Business and National Immigration Forum to host Wednesday’s Texas Summit on immigration reform at First Baptist Church of Austin, 901 Trinity St. Groups represented at the conference will urge Texas’ congressional delegation to support broad immigration reform, Bailey said.

While some conservative Republicans have more recently taken positions supporting reform legislation, others in the party have long opposed it along with attempts to offer immigrants in the country illegally a chance to apply for citizenship.

Bailey said Wednesday’s gathering is needed to allow moderate conservative voices to be heard and seek solutions. Participants will include representatives of groups from across the state who see needs for reform from different perspectives, he said.

“It really kind of encompasses Bibles, badges and business owners,” Bailey said.

The lineup of speakers includes Grover Norquist, the anti-tax activist and president of Americans for Tax Reform. According to a published report, Norquist told a Topeka, Kan., audience last month that talk show hosts and politicians have exploited the immigration issue for personal gain.

Other scheduled speakers include representatives from the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Texas Employers for Immigration Reform and the Texas Border Coalition. Organizers expect about 150 people to attend, including some state legislators. The meeting is open to the public, but registration is required.

Not all the groups expected to attend support a pathway allowing unauthorized immigrants to apply for citizenship, Bailey said. The provision, the main sticking point in previous attempts at immigration reform, is contained in the proposals outlined by President Barack Obama and a bipartisan group of senators.

Suzii Paynter, director of the Christian Life Commission of the conservative Baptist General Convention of Texas, which includes about 5,500 congregations across Texas, said the convention supports a pathway to citizenship with conditions.

“It all depends on how that’s structured,” said Paynter, who is expected to speak at the conference. “There’s very much room for a path to citizenship, especially a path that acknowledges illegal entry and (includes) a commitment toward citizenship education and complying with laws and paying taxes.”

With calls for immigration reform gaining momentum, Christian conservatives who opposed reforms or were silent during the last major push in 2006 have joined the debate this time.

Paynter said the Baptist convention is not a political organization, but has weighed in on immigration since 2003 when it passed a resolution supporting comprehensive reform. Its Hispanic Baptist Convención component, which represents more than 1,000 Spanish-speaking congregations, approved a similar document, she said.

“We are one of those more conservative groups that have had a reasonable approach to immigration. We’re just happy that the rest of the groups are catching up to us,” Paynter said. Bailey singled out for criticism groups like NumbersUSA, which he said are swaying Republicans though they do not have conservative credentials and oppose population increases they view as damaging to the environment.

NumbersUSA director Roy Beck said the Virginia-based group pushes for less immigration and is not an ideological organization.

“No Republicans are doing something because NumbersUSA is saying they should do it. They’re taking the position because of the facts,” Beck said.

Legalizing the country’s estimated 11 million unauthorized immigrants would add trillions to the federal debt because it would connect many of them to social welfare programs, Beck said.

“This is going to be very expensive and require an expansion of government. These are all things the Republicans say they’re against,” Beck said.

Bailey said opposition to reform remains strong among some conservatives, “and there’s a lot of work to do on our side of the aisle.” But, he added, “I think we’re closer to agreement than people think.”

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN: Conservatives at Austin summit push ‘Bibles, badges and business’ in immigration reform

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<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/national-govt-politics/conservatives-at-austin-summit-push-bibles-badges-/nWN26/>

Leaders of faith, business and law enforcement groups Wednesday urged fellow conservatives in Austin to get behind their budding “Bibles, badges and business” coalition and push for broad immigration law reforms.

“The game is changing, and it’s starting here in Texas,” Brad Bailey, head of the Texas Immigration Solution, told the Texas Summit on immigration.

About 100 people attended the gathering at First Baptist Church of Austin, where they heard anti-tax activist Grover Norquist and a number of speakers, including business owners, religious leaders and police chiefs — among them Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo.

Bailey, a Houston restaurateur who founded his nonprofit group in 2012, said he organized the meeting in concert with the National Immigration Forum in Washington, D.C., and the Texas Association of Business. Bailey said he got involved in pushing for reforms after becoming frustrated with what he called the hate language that was dominating the immigration debate. “Rhetoric had overtaken solving problems,” Bailey said. Many of Wednesday’s speakers echoed Bailey’s call to find “common-sense solutions” to immigration.

President Obama and a bipartisan group of U.S. senators are calling for sweeping reforms, including a path for immigrants in the country illegally to apply for citizenship.

Only a few months ago, bipartisan support for legislation to overhaul the nation’s immigration system seemed to be on life support. Since the November election, however, when Hispanic voters supported Obama by a margin of 3-1, a bipartisan push for legislation is steadily building. Some hard-line conservatives, previously among the most strident critics of immigration reform, are joining the growing coalition.

Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform in Washington, said some of the nation’s most conservative leaders have historically been behind immigration reforms. But he said that more recently, conservatives were unfairly painted with a broad brush as anti-immigrant.

Conservatives themselves were partly to blame, Norquist said, because some of their elected leaders in Congress staked out anti-immigration positions with which they were unfamiliar, thinking everyone else in the party was in agreement.

“What we’ve discovered more recently in terms of people understanding is, no. There’s lots of strong conservatives the other way: Bush, Bush, Reagan — also Marco Rubio, who is staking his presidential aspirations” on the immigration reform issue, Norquist later told the American-Statesman.

Earlier, religious leaders said the immigration issue must be viewed through a moral lens. “Particularly the Biblical lens,” said the Rev. Dr. Barrett Duke, vice president for public policy with the conservative Southern Baptist Convention. “I can’t believe that anyone in good conscience would want to continue letting (unauthorized immigrants) be trapped in lives of poverty and confined to permanent underclass status.”

Describing himself as a “moderate conservative my entire life,” Acevedo said divisive immigration rhetoric instills fear among unauthorized immigrants, making it more difficult for police to solve crimes. “We as a nation need to look at good policy instead of what’s good politics.”

Earlier this week, Bailey said extremist voices hijacked the immigration debate, swaying moderate conservative Republicans with false information. Moderates needed a chance to be heard, he said.

But Roy Beck, the leader of Virginia-based NumbersUSA, one of the groups Bailey criticized, said organizations like Bailey’s are pro-business and favor immigration legislation that will provide them with a steady supply of cheap labor.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS: Grover Norquist: GOP isn’t anti-immigration

By Wayne Slater

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<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/state/headlines/20130213-grover-norquist-gop-isnt-anti-immigration.ece>

Anti-tax advocate Grover Norquist said Wednesday that Texas can play a big role in immigration overhaul by pressing a solution that conservatives will trust and moderates can embrace.

“Texas is a voice on making sure the center-right movement — conservatives, Republicans, Americans — are seen properly on this issue,” Norquist told a conference sponsored by a coalition of religious, business and law officer organizations.

“We’re getting past this sense that conservatives are supposed to be anti-immigrant,” he said.

Norquist said “a handful of loud voices” has blocked federal immigration revisions, but the current political mood in Washington offers a chance to boost border security and accommodate the 11 million illegal immigrants living in the U.S.

He said conservative business interests can help drive a consensus on the issue and Texas, with its conservative bona fides and proximity to the border, can help direct the national conversation on immigration.

The National Immigration Forum, which has dubbed its coalition Bibles, Badges and Business, wants to pressure Congress and the White House by emphasizing both practical and moral arguments for immigration reform.

The group advocates a path to legal status, worker programs and stepped-up border security.

Many Republican leaders say the GOP has alienated Hispanics with years of hostile rhetoric.

Brad Bailey of the Texas Immigration Solution, an advocacy group, noted that Gov. Rick Perry was attacked in last year’s GOP presidential primary for supporting in-state tuition for the children of illegal immigrants.

But Bailey said he and many other Republicans don’t want to be the anti-immigrant party.

“The game is changing and it’s starting here in Texas,” he said. “Our families, our communities and our churches have unique ties on this issue.”

The conference underscored different interests that share a desire to solve the problem of illegal immigration.

Business leaders described a need for both high- and low-skilled workers.

Representatives for law enforcement said their job is tougher and their communities less safe when immigrants are reluctant to report crimes for fear of being deported.

Religious leaders of several faiths, including conservative evangelicals, said that immigration reform was a biblical issue.

“Local law enforcement officers shouldn’t be doing federal immigration work,” said McAllen Police Chief Victor Rodriguez.

Barrett Duke of the Southern Baptist Convention said Christian conservatives don’t see the issue through a political or business lens but “principally through a moral lens.”

“We’re calling on our folks to think through this issue biblically. What would my Christian faith call on me to do?”

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS: Conservative Texas voices speak out in favor of immigration-law reform

By Jeremy Roebuck

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http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Conservative-Texas-voices-speak-out-in-favor-of-4277138.php

AUSTIN — Touting themselves as a coalition of Bible, badge and business owners, a group of conservatives urged Republican lawmakers Wednesday to abandon divisive rhetoric and engage in a more substantive debate on comprehensive immigration reform.

Representatives from the state’s evangelical, law enforcement and commerce communities, meeting at a conference dubbed “The Texas Summit,” vowed to more publicly voice their pro-reform views to avoid being shouted down by opponents within their own party.

As a new debate over the issue brews in Washington, they join a growing coalition of traditionally conservative voting blocs poised to become unlikely allies to President Barack Obama in achieving what he describes as one of the chief priorities of his second term in office.

“There are a handful of very loud and unnecessarily angry voices,” influencing the discussion, GOP powerbroker Grover Norquist said, addressing the crowd gathered at Austin’s First Baptist Church. “The reason they have been able to be heard on this issue is that others have been silent. We’re going to have to unite the center-right.”

Norquist, more famous for his anti-tax crusading in Washington, recently has toured the country backing a fix to “the nation’s broken immigration system.”

His comments Wednesday came the same day as the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee held its first hearing on a bipartisan proposal put forth last month that would establish a route to citizenship for the nation’s 11 million undocumented residents.

And as if to underscore his point, some Republicans on the panel quickly dismissed the plan as amnesty.

But in addressing conference attendees in Austin, Norquist went further, even, than fellow Republicans who have said they would endorse the Senate plan, but only if the flow of unauthorized migration at the border is first stanching.

“If you’ve got a stupid law, you change it,” he said. “You don’t enforce it first, you change it.” For others at Wednesday’s summit, endorsing a pro-reform stance came only after years of reflection.

“We are looking at this through a moral lens and particularly through a biblical lens,” said Barrett Duke, vice president for policy and ethics with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two years ago, Duke’s group took its first public stance in the immigration debate, endorsing a pathway to citizenship at its annual meeting in Phoenix.

In the years since, members have launched the website EvangelicalImmigrationTable.org, which urges evangelicals to reflect on the Bible’s message about immigrants.

After all, said Suzii Paynter of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, “Adam and Eve were cast out of the Garden of Eden, and Jesus was a celestial immigrant from heaven.”

Brad Bailey, a Houston restaurateur and founder of Texas Immigration Solution, said his views, too, also recently had evolved.

After working alongside his immigrant employees for years, he said he was disturbed by conservative pundits and his party's presidential candidates in 2011 who tore into Gov. Rick Perry's support for providing in-state college tuition to the children of undocumented immigrants.

Thanks in part to lobbying from Bailey's group, last summer the Texas GOP broke from the national party platform, acknowledged that deporting all undocumented immigrants was not a feasible option, and called for a common-ground solution.

Democrats in Austin hope to harness that more moderate tone. On Wednesday, state Reps. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, and Ana Hernandez Luna, D-Houston, filed a resolution that, if passed, would urge Congress to swiftly pass an immigration reform plan.

Their proposal carried endorsements from several former GOP state lawmakers, including ex-state Rep. John Garza of San Antonio.

"The harsh and intolerable talk has really hindered our ability to solve this," Bailey said. "But the game is changing, and it's starting here in Texas."

TEXAS TRIBUNE: Norquist Wants to "Unite Center Right" on Immigration

By Elena Schneider

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<http://www.texastribune.org/2013/02/13/grover-norquist-wants-unite-center-right-immigrati/>

Grover Norquist wants voters to know that Republicans are not the anti-immigrant party, and he thinks Texas can lead the conversation on immigration reform.

The Americans for Tax Reform president spoke to the Texas Immigration Summit held at the First Baptist Church in Austin on Wednesday, a gathering of leaders under the banner of "Bible, badges and business," to discuss immigration reform. Texas Immigration Solution, a nonprofit interest group, hosted the discussion.

Norquist said the conversation has until recently been dictated by a few loud "bullfrogs" who are hostile to immigration, which he says has created "a completely bizarre view of where the modern conservative movement is" on the issue. "We didn't make as much noise or weren't as focused on this issue as they are becoming now," he said, "so that's how we get this idea that the party that nominates [Ronald] Reagan and [John] McCain was somehow hostile to immigration."

Norquist also said he thinks Texas has the power to change the national conversation around immigration. "If they say, 'Guys in Texas think this is a good idea,' all of a sudden, people listen," he said.

In the GOP response to Tuesday night's State of the Union, Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida called for a "responsible, permanent solution to the problem of those who are here illegally." Rep. Paul Ryan, the former Republican vice presidential candidate, echoed this position in an interview with CNN on Tuesday, agreeing that President Obama's stance on immigration was "productive," and signaling a move toward compromise.

Norquist did not directly cite the State of the Union on Wednesday, but called for efforts "to unite the center right" on immigration.

Following Norquist's address, a panel of leaders from the religious, law enforcement and business communities spoke about their own perspectives on immigration in Texas.

"At the heart of this, there are people," said Dr. David Fleming, senior pastor at Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston. "This is a sacred issue because God has an opinion on what we should do. There's a moral imperative to solve this."

Television:

KUVE TELEVISION: Leaders look to coalition building for immigration reform

By Mark Wiggins

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<http://www.kvue.com/video?id=191120221&sec=551407>

AUSTIN -- Austin's First Baptist Church may not be the first place many think of when it comes to the debate over immigration, but Suzii Paynter says it makes perfect sense.

"The scripture is full of migration, everything from the Exodus to Jesus and his own family having to flee to Egypt," said Paynter, director of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. "So Biblically, we're looking at the scriptures that have to do with migration. Secondly, we're also looking at the way in which the faith community helps to bring together many voices."

Paynter joined businesses, law enforcement and political leaders Wednesday. The conservative forum's agenda included addressing the massive backlog of legal immigration cases, encouraging family-conscious immigration solutions, and pushing forward guest worker legislation endorsed by a growing number of Texas Republicans.

"We want to make sure that we're offering the capability for individuals to transition into the American society and come out of the shadows," said George Antuna with Hispanic Republicans of Texas.

"I think the atmosphere, the mood of the body is right," state Rep. Rafael Anchia (D-Dallas) told media at a conference Tuesday morning to unveil HR 44, a resolution aimed to identify middle ground between Democrats and Republicans in urging Congress for comprehensive immigration reform.

"I was undocumented as a young child. I was born in Mexico, and my family brought me to the U.S. as a baby," said state Rep. Ana Hernandez Luna (D-Houston).

After her family overstayed their visa, they became citizens after the last major immigration reform passed in 1986.

Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2005, Hernandez Luna says the DREAM Act to provide a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students who came to the U.S. as children remains a key priority for Democrats.

"We have young college students, young college graduates who have so much talent that can be a benefit for our country. It can expand our tax revenue, higher wages, and so that's very important to me," said Luna. "Innovation, lots of new businesses are started by immigrants, and I think they have a lot to contribute to this country and would be able to do more if they have legal status."

Democrats and Republicans continue to disagree on many of the details, in particular concerning border security, but there are signs the wide divide over immigration policy may be shrinking.

With the discussions among politically different camps raising similar concerns, a resolution could lie somewhere between the Texas House and the house of God.

"I guess you could say that's the Promised Land," said Paynter.

For video click the link above.

KEYE TV: Texas Democrats Want Immigration Talks Back [Video on Texas Summit embedded]

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http://www.keyetv.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/vid_6906.shtml

For video click the link above.

Radio:

KFYO NEWS TALK: Brad Bailey of the Texas Immigration Solution Discusses Problems and Possible Solutions with Immigration [Audio]

By Ariel Walden

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<http://kfyo.com/brad-bailey-of-the-texas-immigration-solution-discusses-problems-and-possible-solutions-with-immigration-audio/>

On the Wednesday edition of The Chad Hasty Show Brad Bailey, co-founder of the Texas Immigration Solution, talked with Chad Hasty about the problems with the immigration system and how to solve them.

The Texas Immigration Solution is looking at the issue and developing solutions on three fronts: “Bibles, businesses and badges.” More specifically, Bailey said he is talking with business owners, law enforcement officials, and church leaders to see how immigration is affecting their industries.

Bailey said that one of the top priorities concerning immigration should be protecting our borders. He also talked about revising the guest worker program, including full background checks on all applicants and not permitting applicants to qualify for entitlement programs. However, he also said that some immigration topics are more controversial than others, such as the issues with amnesty and, particularly, citizenship.

“The citizenship component...is something that is being debated in conservative circles, and rightfully so. But many of the individuals that we’ve spoken to aren’t concerned about citizenship. They want to be here to work, they want to pay taxes and do what they have to do, they want to be able to come and go to their home countries. The citizenship angle has gotten everyone stirred up, so I’m interested to see how Congress comes out and has their hearing about what the legislation is going to look like.”

For more information on the Texas Immigration Solution, visit their website at texasimmigrationsolution.com or check out their [Facebook](#) page.

For audio click the link above.

KLBJ-AM: Norquist says GOP isn't anti-immigrant [Brad Bailey and Grover Norquist Interview]

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<http://www.newsradiokljbj.com/TexasFrontPageNews/Story.aspx?ID=1887818>

Republican powerbroker Grover Norquist says his party is not anti-immigrant but that many people think it is because of a small, vocal group of extremists.

Norquist addressed an immigration forum organized by moderate conservatives in Austin on Wednesday. He said the business community and centrists have been drowned out by a handful of “very loud, unnecessarily angry voices.”

Norquist said the country's immigration laws are outdated and must be fixed before they can be enforced. That contradicts some Texas Republicans who insist on securing the Mexico-U.S. border above all else.

He also said a sensible immigration policy benefits all Americans, not just Hispanics.

Known as an anti-tax crusader, Norquist has traveled the country lately calling for immigration reform. He said Texas must be a national leader on the issue.

KUT NEWS: Listen: A Conservative, Business-Minded Approach to Immigration [Audio]

By Laura Rice

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<http://kutnews.org/post/listen-conservative-business-minded-approach-immigration>

An event in Austin today aims to bring together Texas leaders in business, law enforcement and faith to talk about immigration.

Texas Summit: Taking a New Consensus on Immigrants and America to Congress is happening from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Austin.

KUT's Laura Rice talked with the co-founder of the Texas Immigration Solution, a conservative, non-profit group seeking market-based changes to the country's immigration policies. He's speaking at today's event.

As an owner of a restaurant in Houston, I've spoken with many of my Hispanic employees and their families. A lot of people that they know are not necessarily wanting citizenship right off the bat. They just want to have a legal status to be here and work. So I think we're putting a lot of emphasis on [a pathway to citizenship] but it is something that I believe needs to be a part of the equation, it needs to be talked about. But the devil is in the details. And that's one of the reasons we're having our conference here this week is to talk about solutions and ways we need to go about this.

For audio click the link above.

WOAI-AM: Conservative Group: Stop Calling it Amnesty!

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<http://radio.woai.com/pages/localnews.html?feed=119078&article=10819056>

A Texas businessman is forming a statewide business group to urge approval of the immigration reform plan being pushed by the so-called 'Gang of Eight' U.S. Senators, and Brad Bailey says it is time for conservatives to stop blasting immigration reform proposals as 'amnesty,' 1200 WOAI news reports.

"Amnesty, I believe, is the anti immigration groups, which are very well funded, it is their way to stir the pot and create rhetoric around the issue," said Bailey, who is an executive with a family owned restaurant chain based in the Houston area.

Claims that the 2007 immigration reform bill amounted to 'amnesty' were mainly responsible for killing the measure, and the same criticisms are being heard with the proposals which have been floated in the past couple of weeks.

"They are having to come out of the shadows, they have to pay a fine, they have to pay back taxes, they have to serve a probationary term for breaking the law," he said. "This is not amnesty. These people are paying their debt to society."

Bailey says he is a solid conservative and he is a long time leader of the Texas Republican Party. He is currently a precinct chairman for the Texas GOP.

He says his Texas Immigration Solution plan is the right way to deal with an immigration system which is clearly broken.

He says another constant sticking point to getting immigration reform completed is conservative objections over a so called 'path to citizenship' for illegal immigrants. He says most immigrants don't want citizenship.

"Many of them aren't concerned about the citizenship angle," he said. "They just want to be able to live here and work here."

Bailey says rhetoric by his fellow conservatives are again threatening to scuttle a proposal which is absolutely necessary to allow businesses to grow and expand. He says many companies, from small enterprises all the way to Microsoft, are telling him they are having to move operations or outsource work overseas, simply because the current immigration system is such a mess they can't find the workers with the skills they need.

"So what they're having to do, because of all the immigration laws and the red tape that exists, they're having to go overseas and open offices overseas," he said.

Bailey is hoping that his Texas Immigration Solution helps the eight Senators work their proposal through Congress. He says while it is important that President Obama discussed the urgency of immigration reform in his State of the Union speech, it is critical that any proposal originate in Congress.

"Texas business, law enforcement, and faith leaders are recognizing that immigrants are crucial to the state's economy," Bailey said. "We recognize the failures of the current immigration system and the need for conservative, market based reform."

Additional interviews with Brad Bailey and Grover Norquist:

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- **KTSA-AM**

Blogs:

AMERICAN NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION UPDATE: Bibles, Badges, Business Seek Immigration Solutions

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<http://www.anla.org/knowledgecenter/ticker/index.cfm?view=detail&colid=124&cid=321&mid=5531&CFID=4644989&CFTOKEN=54367256>

As the immigration reform debate in Congress heats up, a group of faith, law enforcement and business leaders officially kicked off the "Bibles, Badges and Business for Immigration Reform" (BBB) network on February 11. This national network resulted from two years of alliance-building between conservative faith, law enforcement and business leadership in the Mountain West, Midwest and Southeast who support a better immigration process and are ready to press Congress for action on reform. The formal launch was announced in a press conference featuring Bill Hammond, President and CEO, Texas Association of Business; Gabriel Salguero, President of the National Latino Evangelical Coalition; Mark Shurtleff, Republican Former Attorney General of Utah; Guadalupe "Lupe" Treviño, Sheriff, Hidalgo County, Texas; and, Ali Noorani, Executive Director of the National Immigration Forum.

On February 13, the BBB network is partnering with the Texas Immigration Solution for the Texas Summit: Taking a new consensus on immigrants and America to Congress. The summit will bring together conservative business, law enforcement and faith leaders in Texas who are ready to show the Texas congressional delegation that an improved immigration process can be consistent with conservative values.

The American Nursery & Landscape Association, a partner in the effort, has leveraged nursery and landscape industry attendance and support for the regional summits and the launch of the new effort. "Bibles, Badges, and Business is bringing new, vital, and timely energy to the push for Congress to modernize our immigration system," said Craig Regelbrugge, ANLA vice president for government relations and immediate past vice chairman of the National Immigration Forum board. "By working together we are stronger."

Spanish-language Media:

UNIVISION-AUSTIN: Piden a republicanos claridad sobre reforma

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<http://univisionaustin.univision.com/videos/video/2013-02-13/piden-a-republicanos-informarse-bien>

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