

This month, I join with millions of Americans in recognizing the contributions of Latino citizens during National Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanics play a vital role in both our nation and Oregon, and this is a time to celebrate the diversity and richness of Hispanic culture. Hispanic communities contribute to every area of life, from the economic to the artistic, and continue to grow.

Last week, [Causa](#), Oregon's Immigrant Rights Organization, held an event on Capitol Hill celebrating the release of their report, "Latino Contributions to Oregon: Strengthening Our State Economy." There are over 200,000 Latinos in the workforce in Oregon, including immigrant workers. These workers are integral to the success of many industries in our state from the service industry to agriculture and everything in between. It is a valuable report and well worth the read.

In order to maintain and foster these contributions from Latinos across the country, it is important that we provide them every opportunity to succeed. That is why I support a comprehensive and [reasonable approach to immigration reform](#). I also strongly support President Obama's decision to delay the deportation of the "Dreamers," young people who are as American as any of us and for whom the United States is the only country they know.

I am also very pleased to announce that my [website](#) is now available in [Spanish](#), to make it more accessible to all of the people living in the third district.

As we face the future, it is clear that we are all in this together. Whatever our country of origin, and whatever our immigration status, we all deserve dignity, opportunity, and a chance to contribute to the fabric of American culture.