

Coalition for a New Georgia

July 7, 2005

Coalition for a New Georgia Memorandum of Understanding

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) delineates the responsibilities of organizational involvement for the Coalition for a New Georgia.

The Coalition for a New Georgia has the following **PURPOSE:**

- Provide and disseminate information regarding laws, policies and practices that impact the state's immigrants.
- Educate the state's business, political, religious and immigrant communities.

The Coalition for a New Georgia has the following **VALUES:**

- Respect for each other's time, opinions and the limitations some of us may have
- All people, including immigrants, have inalienable rights, including human dignity
- Advocate and defend the rights of all immigrants and refugees regardless of immigration status
- Seek collaboration with other groups
- Value our diversity

"No on HR-256!" Campaign

As part of the Coalition for a New Georgia, we have initiated a **"No on HR-256!" Campaign**. The following statements are what we require organizations to agree with in order to sign on to the "No on HR-256!" Campaign.

- HR 256 is bad for Georgia and will not fix our broken immigration system!
- HR 256 penalizes innocent children and is unconstitutional.
- HR 256 will impose un-funded mandates on local governments.
- HR 256 will undermine the public safety of all Georgians.
- HR 256 will hurt Georgia's economy.
- HR 256 is anti-immigrant.
- HR 256 contradicts the moral values of equality, respect, tolerance and dignity.

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By entering into this MOU, these are the requirements depending upon the level of involvement each organization would like to have.

Level 1: STEERING COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ Must be an organization.
- ❑ The Coalition must be a priority for the organization.
- ❑ The Coalition will meet bi-weekly.
- ❑ Attend Steering Committee meetings either in person or via teleconferencing.
- ❑ Bring a resource to the table (staff, office space, copies, volunteers, etc.)
- ❑ Two people from the same organization can attend Steering Committee meetings but they only have one vote.
- ❑ Organization must be willing to “be known” as a Steering Committee member and will be publicized as a member of the Coalition for a New Georgia.
- ❑ The organization will communicate with its membership or contacts, when appropriate, information regarding activities for the “No on HR-256 Campaign!”
- ❑ The organization will be encouraged to participate and collaborate with the Coalition for opinion/editorials on immigrant issues to be sent to various media outlets.

Level 2: Public Support for the “No on HR-256 Campaign!” REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ The organization must publicly support the statements regarding the “No on HR-256!” Campaign explained above.
- ❑ The organization will communicate with its membership or contacts, when appropriate, information regarding activities for the “No on HR-256 Campaign!”
- ❑ The organization will be encouraged to participate and collaborate with the Coalition for opinion/editorials on immigrant issues to be sent to various media outlets.

Steering Committee and Public Support organizations will play an integral role in the “No on HR-256!” Campaign by expanding and reaching into the various communities and constituencies they serve. These organizations will have an opportunity to become involved, at a minimum, in one of the two levels:

- ❑ **Level 1: Steering Committee.** Organization must meet the requirements listed above.
- ❑ **Level 2: Public Supporting Organization for “No on HR-256!” Campaign.** Organization must meet the above identified requirements.

The leadership and supporting organizations agree to use their best efforts to execute the various functions to achieve our end goal. However, nothing in this MOU should be construed as a legally binding agreement. Any legal agreements between parties will be documented separately.

The Coalition for a New Georgia and the “No on HR-256!” Campaign consider ourselves to be a non-partisan voter education campaign on immigrant issues, as such, will maintain a neutral position on all political party activity and candidate campaigns.

Thank you for joining the Coalition for a New Georgia!

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Main Contact:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Secondary Contact:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name of organization to be included for publication listing of Coalition for a New Georgia and/or the "No on HR-256!" Campaign:

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone Numbers of both contacts:

Work- _____ Fax- _____

Mobile- _____ Home- _____

Emails: Main Contact- _____

Secondary Contact- _____

Please indicate (check) level of support/participation:

- Level 1: Steering Committee Candidate
- Level 2: Public Supporting Organization for "No on HR-256 !" Campaign

In order to be included with the Coalition for a New Georgia and our efforts, please return this page with the appropriate information to one of the following:

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