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Dear Friend:

The Board of Directors of ENLACE, has been working very hard to create a more active and concerned organization to better serve our community. Last May, during an annual meeting, we approved new by-laws which create the positions of Co-chairs, one male and one female, who will equally share the responsibilities of guiding our organization through new paths and challenges. The by-laws also augmented the number of members of the Board to nine (9).

As gay and lesbian latinos, we have to suffer double the bigotry and discrimination of the larger community. This is the reason why our organization have decided to be more visible and assertive than before. The law of the District of Columbia protects us from prejudice based on ethnic and/or sexual preference. We can not keep quiet any longer, it is the moment to start fighting for our rights and our freedom. No one will fight for us to attain this quest. We are inviting you to join us.

There is a lot of work to be done. First, we have to teach other latinos that being gay or lesbian is not a curse nor a sickness. Make them understand and accept us as human beings without prejudice because of our sexual preferences. Second we have to demonstrate the larger gay and lesbian community, that we are proud of our latino heritage and that we have leaders eager to fight for gay and lesbian rights. Hate is a very destructive feeling and it is up to us to educate the different communities in our area, that our cultural heritage and/or sexual preference should not be a reason for rejection, bigotry or violence. We did not come out of one closet to step into another. Our goal is not to convince anyone if being gay/lesbian is right or wrong. We want and demand respect and freedom like everyone else in this country. There are a lot of gay and lesbian latinos who make huge contributions to the society as a whole. We can not allow ignorance to make us go back to a closet or what is worse, deny our sexuality. NEVER! We also have to fight the homophobic giants in our community.

WE MIGHT NOT BE LOUD,

BUT WE ARE NOT SILENT!

JOIN ENLACE NOW!

Sincerely,

Edwin Gonzalez
Board Member ENLACE
Education Committee Chair