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“Siplin to file bill allowing in-state tuition for children of illegals” Warning to Senator Gary Siplin

ORLANDO, FL – Since its founding, Latino Leadership has been involved, without exceptions, in the advancement of the Hispanic community in Central Florida.

We have learned from the media Senator Gary Siplin has scheduled a press conference for 12:30pm today. The purpose of the press conference, according to the Orlando Sentinel’s Political Pulse Blog, is to include a bill that “will allow undocumented students who have graduated from a Florida high school to pay in-state tuition rates for attending colleges and universities within the state.”

We applaud and encourage any help we can gather to help our people. However, during election time, politicians need to be careful not to use tense issues as political footballs. The immigration issue is a very delicate one and deserves the utmost respect. We are talking about the dreams of millions of people, in this case children, and the future of our country.

Senator Siplin has not had the courtesy to invite us, as a leading Latino organization in Central Florida, to the table or to keep us abreast of his intentions.

We hope Senator Siplin has done his homework in the legislature and with Governor Rick Scott to make sure this piece of legislation is going to pass. Otherwise you will see passions ignited all over Florida as we have seen in Arizona, Alabama, and other places where the immigration issue has been used to advance politicians’ election agendas.

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