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**THE LARGEST BUSINESS AND HISPANIC CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS IN THE
COUNTRY SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S LATEST
ATTEMPT AT NO-MATCH LETTERS WHICH HURT AMERICAN WORKERS**
In an economic recession, Bush Administration gives U.S. workers an October surprise

Washington, DC – The League of United Latin American Citizens and the United States Chamber of Commerce are joining forces after the Bush Administration announced Thursday to reissue the “no match” rule. This rule would use the already flawed Social Security Administration (SSA) database and force employers to fire workers if their names and social security numbers cannot be matched.

“Its adoption will lead to massive layoffs of both legal and undocumented workers whose records may not match,” said LULAC National President Rosa Rosales. “These heinous measures will lead to more discrimination cases, racial profiling and illegal firing of legitimate workers given that most no-match cases involve authorized employees and naturalized citizens.”

The measures will convert the Social Security Administration “No Match” letters into an immigration enforcement tool. This measure could put millions of jobs at risk. This constitutes at least over 1.4 million workers that will be affected.

Angelo Amador, the chamber's director of immigration policy, dismissed Chertoff's assertions that the groups that filed the lawsuit opposing this regulation merely want to protect illegal workers. “The bottom line is this case has never been about illegal workers, it has been about the cost of a badly thought out rule and the cost on legitimate businesses following all the rules and complying with it,” Amador said. “The department's own analysis, which it was forced to do after the judge blocked the rule, shows that 35,000 to 167,000 legitimate workers would not be able to work because of the rule,” he concluded.

The U.S. Chamber is the world's largest business federation representing more than 3 million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

The League of the United Latin American Citizens advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through community-based programs operating at more than 700 LULAC councils nationwide.

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