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Equal Rights Center Releases New Immigrant Rights Report: *"10 Harmful Misconceptions About Immigration"*

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 27, 2008 – The Equal Rights Center (ERC), a non-profit civil rights organization, released a new report today in the hopes of steering the national debate on immigration away from inaccurate assumptions.

The 24-page report publicizes clear, compelling facts that are not influenced by any political slant. The report, entitled *"10 Misconceptions About Immigration,"* focuses readers on widespread fallacies about immigration and provides thoroughly documented facts. Addressing issues ranging from the economic impact of immigrants, to criminality and healthcare, to immigrant rights and proposed solutions, this new report strives to avoid extremist views on both sides of the immigration debate and to provide concise and reliable information for use in that debate.

"The ERC hopes to provide the clearest, most accurate understanding of the facts when it comes to the security, prosperity and character of the United States, immigration laws, policies and practices," said Executive Director Rabbi Bruce E. Kahn.

"As the November 4 election approaches, the ERC feels it is absolutely essential to provide sound research that attempts to drive falsehood from the public debate on immigration, filling that vacated space with a greater measure of the truth," Kahn said.

This year the ERC is celebrating 25 years of protecting civil rights. Originally established in 1983 as the Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington, following subsequent mergers with the Fair Employment Council of Greater Washington and the Disability Rights Council, the ERC is today a comprehensive civil rights organization dedicated to identifying, challenging, and eliminating discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations, and government services through education, research, testing, counseling, enforcement and advocacy.

If you would like to receive hard copies of *"10 Harmful Misconceptions,"* please e-mail your request to nlaber@equalrightscenter.org. You can also download a copy from the ERC Web site at www.equalrightscenter.org, by clicking on "Publications Studies and Research."

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