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## Arizona is ground zero for national May 1 Immigrant Rights Mobilizations

**What:** Rally and Protest at the Arizona state capitol

**Who:** Salvador Reza, Coordinator of Puente

Residents of Arizona

Puente - human rights organization

National Day Laborers Organizing Network

Where: Arizona State Capitol

1700 West Washington Street,

Phoenix, AZ

When: Saturday, May  $1^{st}$ , 2010, 3 pm - 6 -pm

**Why:** Organizers of the May 1 rally in Phoenix are calling for President Obama to intervene in

Arizona and issue an executive order asserting the federal governments exclusive control over immigration law, and overturn what many across the country are claiming is a racist law

that codifies racial profiling.

Last week's passage of SB 1070 by Governor Brewer sparked national outrage catalyzing a movement for immigrant rights and lending a sense of urgency to national immigrant rights mobilizations planned for May 1. We are planning a rally in Phoenix on that same day as rallies across the county.

"People from across Arizona, immigrants and non-immigrants, are standing up against the passage of the racist SB 1070," said Salvador Reza of Puente, a human rights organization calling for a rally on May 1 in Phoenix. "We aren't just calling for overturning SB 1070, we want to change immigration policy completely so that it reflects the values this country was built on, freedom and fairness for all people."

**Visuals:** Protestors, signs, etc.