

TALKING POINTS

- We are asking Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig to move the 2011 All-Star Game out of Arizona unless the state changes its harmful and hateful immigration law.
- Throughout its history, Major League Baseball has stood up for civil rights, most notably when Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947. It's time for MLB and Bud Selig to continue that tradition and stand with Latinos against SB 1070.
- Not only are a quarter of the League's players Latino, but so are a rapidly growing share of baseball's fans. Now, in Arizona, these players and fans risk being harassed and even arrested on their way to the ballpark just because of how they look or their accent.
- The Major League Baseball Players Association, many individual players and the National Basketball Association have shown tremendous leadership and spoken out against this law. It's time for Bud Selig and Major League Baseball to follow suit.
- Our campaign is part of a grassroots movement to show that when states like Arizona seek to legislate racism, serious economic consequences will follow. Already, more than 100,000 people have signed a petition calling on MLB to move the game, and millions more have expressed their opposition to SB 1070 online.
- This is just the beginning. A growing chorus of everyday people across the country is calling on Major League Baseball, and other organizations with economic weight, to pull their support from Arizona. We will not stand for laws like SB 1070, and neither should our America's National Pastime.

Presente.org statement in response to Bud Selig's recent reluctance to buck Arizona law:

With Latinos representing nearly a third of all Major League Baseball players, it is incredibly disappointing that Commissioner Selig would seek to hold a celebration of the game's stars in a state that treats many of them as second class citizens. The commissioner is clearly out of touch with the 'minority communities' he says MLB is so in tune with. Over 100,000 petitioners – and millions online – have spoken up to demand action on this. The commissioner clearly doesn't yet understand the gravity of this situation.