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Plaintiffs Arizona Contractors Association, Inc., Arizona Employers for Immigration Reform, Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Arizona Farm Bureau, Arizona Restaurant and Hospitality Association, A.M.C.A., LLC dba Arizona Minority Contractors Association, Arizona Roofing Contractors Association, National Roofing Contractors' Association, Wake Up Arizona!, and the Arizona Landscape Contractors' Association (collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs"), by and through counsel undersigned, pursuant to Rule 65, Fed. R. Civ. P., hereby respectfully move that the Court enter a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO") and a Preliminary Injunction to enjoin enforcement of the Legal Arizona Workers Act until the Court conducts a trial in this action to adjudicate the claims of Plaintiffs. This Motion is supported by Plaintiffs' Legal Brief in Support of Motion for TRO and Preliminary Injunction filed simultaneously herewith.

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The Legal Arizona Workers Act took effect on September 19, 2007. Certain provisions of the Act become effective on January 1, 2008, including (1) requiring that all Arizona employers must use the federal government's Basic Pilot Program, now known as the E-Verify Program, and (2) subjecting Arizona employers to suspension or revocation of their business licenses if they are found to have knowingly employed an unauthorized alien on or after January 1, 2008.

The Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction are necessary to preserve the status quo and to prevent irreparable injury while this case is pending. Plaintiffs and their members, in the absence of a TRO and preliminary injunction, would be required to enroll in the E-Verify Program, undertake training, change their hiring procedures, change their personnel records and retention procedures, and utilize the E-Verify Basic Pilot Program, all within the next 20 days. In some cases, that compliance would require businesses to purchase a computer and internet service. The Act is undoubtedly unconstitutional, and the TRO and preliminary injunction are necessary to

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The wisdom and desirability of a TRO and Preliminary Injunction to enjoin the E-Verify requirement in this case is even more compelling than in the previous lawsuit against the State of Arizona because, unlike the State, the County Attorney Defendants in this action can be liable for monetary damages. If the Act is not enjoined, the County Attorneys in Arizona could be liable for money damages to all Arizona businesses for the costs incurred by them for their coerced actions in signing up for the E-Verify Program in compliance with the Act, despite the unconstitutional nature of requiring Arizona businesses to do so. The issuance of a TRO and Preliminary Injunction, therefore, would save the taxpayers of the counties of Arizona potential liability for a massive amount of damages. Once this case is adjudicated on the merits and the requirement to enroll in the E-Verify Program is declared unconstitutional, every business that signed up for the E-Verify Program because of the unconstitutional law could bring an action against the County Attorneys for its damages. With 150,000 businesses in Arizona, if the cost of utilizing the E-Verify system averaged \$1,000 per business, the County Attorneys in this case would be subjected to \$150,000,000 of potential liability if the injunction is not issued and the E-Verify system is ruled unconstitutional after January 1, 2008.

In addition, an injunction is necessary to prevent Plaintiffs' constitutional rights being violated through enforcement against Plaintiffs of the license suspension/revocation provisions of the Legal Arizona Workers Act. Adjudication of the constitutionality of the license revocation provision is necessary to prevent Plaintiffs and their members from being subjected to the risks and costs of enforcement actions. In response to issues raised by the Court regarding standing in the earlier case against the Governor and Attorney General, Plaintiffs are submitting, on a John Doe basis, Declarations from members of at least one Plaintiff association of businesses that do not intend to comply with the Act, one of whom has been specifically threatened with prosecution.

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The Court should issue an Order to Show Cause why a Temporary Restraining Order should not be issued in this case, with a return date within 72 hours.

The Court should issue a Temporary Restraining Order to enjoin the requirement of the law that Arizona employers enroll in and utilize the E-Verify Basic Pilot Program. The Temporary Restraining Order should remain in effect until a hearing on a Motion for Preliminary Injunction may be heard. The Court is well-familiar with the issues regarding the Basic Pilot Program as a result of the Court's consideration of the Motion for Preliminary Injunction and trial in Arizona Contractors Association Inc. et al. v. Napolitano et al. Cause No. CV07-1355-PHX-NVW.

Because of the number of Defendants in this action, the hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction should be heard after the first of the year. Entering an injunction until that date will reduce the uncertainty for the Arizona business community, particularly in view of the upcoming holidays. It will permit the briefing and evidentiary hearing regarding the Preliminary Injunction to be held after the holidays.

The Court should also issue an injunction to enjoin enforcement of A.R.S. § 23-212 until after a preliminary injunction hearing can be held. Plaintiffs suggest that the hearing on the preliminary injunction regarding A.R.S. § 23-212 be held after the holidays. That will prevent irreparable injury from occurring to Plaintiffs and others from the potential enforcement of A.R.S. § 23-212, including subjecting them to possible suspension/revocation of business licenses, and violation of their Constitutional rights.

If Defendants are unwilling or unable to agree collectively to the above procedural schedule or if the Court declines to issue a TRO, then Plaintiffs are prepared to go forward with a hearing on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction at any time, and the hearing should be held no later than next week, the week of December 17, 2007.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007. 1 2 BALLARD SPAHR ANDREWS & INGERSOLL, LLP 3 4 By:/s/ David A. Selden 5 David A. Selden Julie A. Pace 6 Heidi Nunn-Gilman 7 3300 N. Central Avenue, Suite 1800 Phoenix, Arizona 85012 8 9 Louis R. Moffa, Jr. Plaza 1000, Suite 500 10 Main Street Voorhees, New Jersey 08043 11 3300 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE, SUITE 1800 (602) 798-5400 FAX (602) 798-5595 12 OF COUNSEL 13 Robin S. Conrad 14 Shane Brennan National Chamber Litigation Center, Inc. 15 1615 H Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20062 16 17 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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I hereby certify that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007, I caused the foregoing document: MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION To be filed electronically with the Clerk of Court through ECF; and that ECF will send an e-notice of the electronic filing to the following ECF participants: And to be delivered as a courtesy hard copy /s/ Kathleen Reynolds