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**National Immigration Law Center, ACLU and
ACLU of Utah in Court Friday to Challenge
Utah's "Papers Please" Law**

Press Conference to Take Place After Hearing

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SALT LAKE CITY – Attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Utah and the National Immigration Law Center (NILC), will ask a U.S. District Court judge on Friday to block the state's anti-immigrant law.

The groups are seeking an injunction to keep the law, HB 497, from taking effect. Last May, the court issued a temporary restraining order. The civil rights coalition will argue Friday that the court should continue to block the law pending a final ruling on whether it is unconstitutional. The U.S. Department of Justice, which has also sued Utah over the law, will also present arguments Friday.

WHAT: Federal court hearing where the ACLU, ACLU of Utah and NILC will seek a preliminary injunction against Utah's anti-immigrant law, HB 497. A news conference will follow the hearing.

WHO: Karen Tumlin, managing attorney at NILC, will present arguments before U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups and speak at the press conference. She will be joined by Cecillia Wang, director of the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, and Esperanza Granados, public policy advocate at the ACLU of Utah, who will address the audience in Spanish. Alicia Cervantes and Juan Manuel Ruiz, plaintiffs in the case, *UCLR v. Herbert*, will also speak.

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. MT on Friday, Feb. 17; press conference will follow immediately after.

WHERE: U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, 350 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101.

The motion for preliminary injunction can be found at: www.aclu.org/immigrants-rights/utah-coalition-la-raza-v-herbert-memorandum-support-preliminary-injunction.

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