

Rights Action
May 3, 2012

Washington DC: Call to Protest the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) giving Honduran regime leader Pepe Lobo a "leadership award"

WHEN: May 7, 6pm

WHERE: Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 1330 Maryland Ave SW, DC 20024

MORE INFO, and to help with Street theater: Jacob@cispes.org;

- Please re-post and re-publish this information
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WHAT TO DO:

Write to your own elected politician and other government officials (See names and addresses below) and insist that they register their voices of protest against Honduran military-back regime leader Pepe Lobo receiving this "leadership award".

WITH "LEADERSHIP" LIKE THIS, WHO NEEDS WAR CRIMINALS?

QUIEN HABLA POR L@S LATIN@S? QUIEN HABLA POR LA JUSTICIA? ¡NO CHLI!

WHO SPEAKS FOR LATINOS? WHO SPEAKS FOR JUSTICE? NOT CHLI!

Protesta en contra de la ceremonia de "liderazgo" de CHLI presentando un premio al golpista Pepe Lobo entre otros del 1% Latino
Protest the CHLI "leadership" awards presented to Honduran Coup President Pepe Lobo and other reps of the Latino 1%

7 de Mayo * 6pm * Mandarin Oriental Hotel
1330 Maryland Ave SW, DC 20024

¡Únase a la protesta y teatro popular en contra del 1% internacional!
Join us for this protest and street theater against the international 1%!

Para involucrarse en preparar el teatro, favor de contactar a:
jacob@cispes.org
To help with the Street theater, contact: Jacob@cispes.org

Mayor información sobre CHLI - a continuación
More information on CHLI - below

El Instituto de Liderazgo Hispano del Congreso, CHLI (por sus siglas en inglés, pronunciado Chile, lo entiendes?), junto con sus aliados más cercanos de Washington, incluyendo The Americano ("Su fuente de información más importante de comentarios y noticias hispanas ") y la Junta Latinoamericana de la Universidad de Georgetown, están ejerciendo una creciente influencia en la política de EE.UU. en el nombre de "hispanos". Sus miembros del consejo, antiguamente homenajeados y aliados cercanos son Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Marco Rubio, Álvaro Uribe, Newt Gingrich, Felipe Calderón y José María Aznar.

The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute, or CHLI (pronounced chile, get it?), along with its close allies in Washington including The Americano ("Your top news source for Hispanic news and commentary") and the Latin American Board at Georgetown University, is exerting increasing influence on US policy in the name of "Hispanics." Its board members, former honorees and close allies include Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Marco Rubio, Álvaro Uribe, Newt Gingrich, Felipe Calderón and José María Aznar.

El dinero y el poder detrás de las organizaciones de extrema derecha del 1% Latino representan una seria amenaza a los asuntos por los cuales muchos latinos estamos luchando, entre ellos:

The money and power behind the organizations of the far right-wing Latino 1% present a serious threat to issues that many Latinos are fighting for, including:

- La justicia migratoria // Immigration justice
- La justicia económica // Economic justice
- El derecho a la salud // Healthcare rights
- El derecho a la educación // Education rights
- El derecho de lenguaje // Language rights
- Poner fin a la guerra contra las drogas // Ending the War on Drugs
- Una política exterior de EE.UU. que respete la soberanía de las naciones latinoamericanas // A U.S. foreign policy that respects the sovereignty of Latin American nations

El lunes, 7 de mayo, CHLI presentara sus premios de "liderazgo" en una ceremonia de etiqueta de \$ 250/el plato. Los premiados seran:

On Monday, May 7, CHLI presents its "leadership" awards at a \$250/plate black tie ceremony. The awardees are:

- Pepe Lobo, presidente de Honduras, Premio Liderazgo en Relaciones Internacionales // Pepe Lobo, Honduran President, CHLI Leadership in International Relations Award
- Ralph de la Vega, presidente y CEO de AT&T Mobility, Premio CHLI de Liderazgo Corporativo // Ralph de la Vega, President & CEO, AT&T Mobility, CHLI Corporate Leadership Award
- El representante Thaddeus G. McCotter (R-MI), Premio CHLI de Servicio Público // Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter (R-MI), CHLI Public Service Award

Press release, April 23, 2012

President Lobo of Honduras, Ralph de la Vega -- President & CEO AT&T Mobility, and Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (MI) To Be Honored In Washington D.C. At CHLI Annual Gala

WASHINGTON, April 23, 2012 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) announced it will bring together and honor three important leaders at its 8th Annual CHLI Gala and Leadership Awards dinner on May 7, 2012, in Washington D.C. The CHLI International Leadership Award will be presented to the President of Honduras, His Excellency Porfirio Lobo. The CHLI Corporate

Leadership Award recipient is Ralph de la Vega, President & CEO of AT&T Mobility. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (MI) is being honored with the CHLI Leadership in Public Service Award.

Americans of Hispanic descent have greater positive influence than ever on the economy, politics, and community leadership in the U.S. These leaders were selected because of their tireless dedication to strengthening the U.S. Hispanic community by promoting the advancement of Hispanics in all sectors of the U.S. and global economy, consistent with the mission of the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute.

"CHLI is proud to be able to honor the people of the Republic of Honduras, an admirable, brave and dignified people, by bestowing our 2012 International Leadership Award to his Excellency President Porfirio Lobo," said Lincoln Diaz-Balart (FL), CHLI Founder, Board Chairman and former member of Congress.

Previous CHLI leadership award recipients include President Felipe Calderon of Mexico, His Excellency President Ma Ying-Jeou of the Republic of China (Taiwan), former Prime Minister of Spain Jose Maria Aznar, former Speaker of the House of Representatives Dennis Hastert, Senator Robert Menendez (NJ), and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez. CHLI's annual awards gala brings together numerous Members of Congress from both political parties, corporate leaders and executives and the leadership of national Hispanic organizations as well as members of the diplomatic community.

"CHLI is also privileged to honor a public servant of truly extraordinary talent and patriotism, Congressman Thad McCotter of Michigan, with our 2012 Leadership in Public Service Award and to bestow our 2012 Corporate Leadership Award to a corporate leader who makes all U.S. Hispanics proud, Ralph de la Vega of AT&T," said Lincoln Diaz-Balart (FL), CHLI Founder, Board Chairman and former member of Congress.

Award winning Univision journalist and recipient of eleven Emmy awards, Teresa Rodriguez, will serve as emcee for the evening. Sponsors for the event include: Comcast Corp., NBC Universal, and Telemundo, Altria Client Services, Heineken USA, Univision, AT&T, Banco Popular, Dell, Ford Motor Company, General Electric, Kraft Foods,

Baxter Healthcare, Coca-Cola, Facebook, Google, Intuit, National Association of Broadcasters, News Corporation, PG&E Corporation, Tonio Burgos and Associates, Verizon, Walmart, and Western Union.

About CHLI The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI, pronounced "chili") is the premier organization founded by Members of Congress to advance the Hispanic Community's Economic Progress with a focus on Social Responsibility and Global Competitiveness. Founded in 2003, CHLI is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization, based in Washington, D.C., dedicated to fostering a broad awareness of the diversity of thought, heritage, interests and views of Americans of Hispanic and Portuguese descent. For more information, please visit www.chli.org . You may also connect with CHLI on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

SOURCE Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute

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Rights Action asks North Americans to keep on, keep on, keep on sending copies of this information, and your own letters, to Canadian and American politicians and government officials ... and to your local media. In the USA, please demand that your elected officials and other government officials publicly denounce the giving of this "leadership award" to the military backed regime leader of Honduras.

Since the June 2009 military coup, that ousted the democratically elected government of President Zelaya in Honduras, the governments of the USA and Canada are the governments that have most supported and legitimized the post-coup, repressive regimes of Honduras. North American companies and investors have increased their business activities in Honduras since the coup. In no small part, this illegitimate, repressive regime remains in power due to its political, economic and military relations with the USA and Canada.

USA

- WHITE HOUSE: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/CONTACT/>, 202-456-1111, Comment Line: 202-456-1414
- CONGRESS: Go to <http://www.house.gov/> to get info for your member of Congress, and call: 202-224-3121
- SENATE: Go to <http://www.senate.gov/> to get contact for your Senator, and call: 202-224-3121
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- MARIA OTERO, Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs; c/o Laura Pena, Assistant: PenaL@state.gov
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