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BREAKTHROUGH RELEASES *RESTORE FAIRNESS* VIDEO TO BRING BACK DUE PROCESS TO BROKEN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

Powerful New Video Urges U.S. Government to Uphold Human Rights in Immigration Policies

New York, NY (September 14, 2009) – Breakthrough (www.breakthrough.tv), an international human rights organization, today released a powerful new video, ***Restore Fairness***, to call for effective immigration reform that ensures American values like fairness and due process for all people in the United States. To view the video, visit www.restorefairness.org.

Restore Fairness gives a human face to the harsh impact of current immigration laws on ordinary families. One featured story is that of Ana Galindo and her husband Walter Chavez, legal permanent residents with a 10-year-old U.S. citizen son who were raided (without a warrant) in their home by armed immigration officers. Their young son now suffers from nightmares and lives in fear of the police. These personal testimonies highlight the growing injustice that has emerged in post 9-11 policies which allow the government to arrest people without warrants, hold them in inhumane detention conditions, and deport them without a fair trial.

The video also includes interviews with leading Congresswomen, such as Zoe Lofgren, Chair of Subcommittee on Immigration and Lucille Roybal-Allard, Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security. “Everybody in America under our Constitution is entitled to due process of law and we’ve fallen short in the due process arena when it comes to the whole immigration system. If we’re not going to adhere to the basic standards that are in the Constitution, everybody is at risk,” said Congresswoman Lofgren.

The ***Restore Fairness*** video was produced by Breakthrough in partnership with twenty-two leading organizations and four advisors and is being distributed across the country as an education and mobilization tool. The campaign website features additional videos, action steps, a blog, and resources on due process and immigration policy.

About Breakthrough

Breakthrough is an innovative, international human rights organization using the power of popular culture, media, and community education to transform public attitudes and advance equality, justice, and dignity. Through initiatives in India and the United States, Breakthrough addresses critical global issues including violence against women, sexuality and HIV/AIDS, racial justice, and immigrant rights. For more information, visit www.breakthrough.tv.

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