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## **TEIR Welcomes Federal Court Decision Blocking No-Match Rule Implementation**

AUSTIN (Oct. 3, 2007) – Today, Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business (TAB) and board member of Texas Employers for Immigration Reform (TEIR), issued the following statement on U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer's decision to extend an order temporarily blocking implementation of the Bush Administration's No-Match Rule.

*"Score one for American businesses and their workers. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California has reaffirmed the rights of U.S. business owners by temporarily blocking the Homeland Security No-Match Rule.*

*"The new No-Match Rule would threaten employers with criminal prosecution if they fail to fire any worker who cannot resolve discrepancies between annual age reports and their Social Security records in 90 days.*

*"The rule creates an untenable situation that could lead to massive firings and the shutdown of thousands of businesses across the nation. A regulation that places the U.S. economy in such a precarious situation is simply bad public policy.*

*"The court's decision restores, at least for the next 10 days, the right of business owners not to be burdened by misguided government regulations."*

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### **About Texas Employers for Immigration Reform**

Texas Employers for Immigration Reform (TEIR) is a broad-based coalition of trade associations and business owners from across the Lone Star State. TEIR is calling for comprehensive immigration reform that addresses border security while ensuring employers have access to the labor force it needs. For information on TEIR, visit the coalition's Web site at [www.txeir.org](http://www.txeir.org).