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The North American Academy of the Spanish Language (ANLE) has expressed its concern over the recent removal of the White House's Spanish Language version of its official website, even if this lack of availability were meant to be only temporary. The website has served in the past as a valuable instrument of communication between the Government and those who speak the nation's second most important language.

The ANLE's director, Dr. Gerardo Piña-Rosales, with the full support of the institution's executive committee, based his reaction on the importance of inclusion in regards to the diverse social, political and cultural sectors that compose the United States, whose largest minority, an estimated 18 % of the total population, is made up of people of Spanish Speaking heritage.

"If we take into account our current demographic projections, Hispanics or Latinos will make up a a total of 25 % of the total population in the United States by the middle of this century. It is counterproductive to suppress this channel of communication between the U.S. Government and millions of Spanish-speaking Americans," remarked the director of one of 23 Spanish language academies spread across four continents.

At the same time, Piña-Rosales, expressed his satisfaction that the page https://gobierno.usa.gov/ is still up and running, for which the ANLE proudly serves as the official advising institution in reference to linguistic matters, and that users can still consult the previous administration's White House Spanish Language webpage, which is archived and available online at https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/.