MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL 3802 Fir St. East Chicago, Ind. 46312

To Whom It May Concern:

We are a group of young Mexican-Americans (Chicanos) who are organized in East Chicago under different organizations, UMAS, MASC, MAPA, etc., and we have come together under one banner for one purpose:

To give field support to our brown brothers in Texas who have become victims of the establishment-like system of Vista Minority Mobilization Project, and to prevent the practice of blindfolding the poor.

Through letters and calls we have become aware of the weakened Vista Minority Mobilization Project, which at one time last year offered some hopes for the oppressed, poor, Mexican-Americans. But we have been informed that in its weakened stage it has become a vicious system which is perpetuated by those individuals who run the project.

The system uses people, gets rid of liberal minded people within the program, and puts up a false front in order to stay alive. The end result is that the poor people who are unaware of the Vista Minority system—or Project for that matter—will never receive any benefits. And it is not right for some individuals to be making money with fringe benefits at the expense of the poor.

And if that will be the case, then our pride and moral justice moves us to ask that the Project be reorganized and reoriented, or closed down because as it is there is nothing to be lost.

"We believe that if a Federal Poverty Program is not serving the people for which it was intended, then the people should rise up and destroy it." We have nothing to lose but our pride.

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