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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thank you for your letter of August 25 and the information on the school segregation of Mexican-American children in Texas.

The quality, or I should say the lack of quality, of education for Mexican-American children is one of the biggest blights on education in Texas. For too long, thousands of bright, talented young people have been deprived their right to equal education. These children have not been given their rightful opportunities in life and mankind has been denied the benefits of their natural gifts.

Dr. Garcia, you are to be commended for your continued efforts in this field. You, and the American GI Forum, are to be congratulated for your work.

As long as I am in a position to effect any improvement in the quality of education for all children, I will work to that end.

Again, thank you for the information. It will help me as background material in any arguments about the "equality" of education. Please continue to send me any information along these lines which you and the American GI Forum develop.

Sincerely,



Bob Eckhardt