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Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Founder
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1315 Bright Street
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

In response to your letter of August 25, I concur with your view that school busing is not the issue, but rather continuing segregation, discrimination, and inferior education for Mexican Americans, Blacks, and other minorities throughout the country.

As perhaps you know, S. 1557, the Emergency School Aid and Quality Integrated Education Act of 1971, which could provide some assistance toward meeting these problems, was passed by the Senate and is now being considered in the House Education and Labor Committee. However, the President's announcement, just before the Congressional recess in August, that the Administration would sponsor an amendment to prohibit the use of any of these desegregation funds for school busing, may add a serious hurdle to passage of the legislation.

The Congressional Black Caucus, of which I am chairman, made a number of specific recommendations to the President in March 1971, relating to education as well as other problems in urgent need of priority consideration (see page 3 of the enclosure). I have introduced or co-sponsored bills to effect many of the proposed changes, as have other Members of the Caucus.

You may be assured that I will continue to work for and support adequate Federal appropriations to assist localities to eliminate conditions such as those described in your reports.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Diggs, Jr.

CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR.
Member of Congress
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Enclosure