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The Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen  
United States Senate  
703 Hart Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bentsen:

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), one of the largest Hispanic organizations in the country, will be holding its Eighth Annual Conference at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston, Texas on July 14-17, 1985. We would be extremely pleased and honored to have you deliver the Keynote Address at our Awards Banquet on Wednesday, July 17, 1985 from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

As you may know, NCLR was formed in 1968 to promote the social and economic well being of Americans of Hispanic descent. The Council serves nearly one million persons through its network of 80 community-based organizations, located in 19 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

The 1985 Conference theme is HISPANICS IN AMERICA: Local Action/National Impact. It reflects the increasingly important connection between the work of Hispanic community-based organizations -- NCLR's affiliates -- and national policies. Such local action has always been the driving force behind the gains Hispanic Americans have made, and will continue to make, in the years ahead. The Conference will underscore this reality, while honoring those whose dedicated efforts make national change possible.

We would welcome the opportunity to have you address our Banquet to the Conference theme from your own perspective. Your remarks would frame the work that Hispanics must undertake to achieve full participation in the American mainstream.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience, and to the pleasure of introducing you to our constituents and friends in Houston. Should your office need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 628-9600.

Sincerely,

  
Raul Yzaguirre  
President and Chief Executive Officer