TEXAS-MEXICO IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE P.O. Box 290505 San Antonio, Texas 78280-1905

October 14, 1985

Dear Friend:

U.S. Congress is currently considering passage of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1985, also known as the Simpson-Rodino bill. It is legislation that would have tremendous impact on the citizens of Texas and Mexico and has far-reaching implications for American society.

The Texas-Mexico Immigration Task Force was established on September 28, 1985 to serve as a forum for the citizens of Texas and Mexico to express their views concerning this proposed legislation and other matters dealing with our relations with Mexico and Central America. The Task Force is a bipartisan and bilateral effort to inform federal decision-makers of the impact their decisions will have on the citizens of Texas and Mexico.

Sunday, October 27, 1985, the Task Force is hosting a one-half symposium on the pending Simpson-Rodino bill. presentations by experts in the field of immigration, a speaker from Washington, D.C. will provide us with a legislative update concerning the status of the bill. However, we feel that the real importance of the symposium will be the opportunity for citizens of Texas and Mexico to testify before the Task Force and make their feelings about this very important issue a matter of public record.

It is the intention of the Task Force after it has consolidated the citizens' testimony to go to Washington, D.C. to meet with key Congressional members and inform them of your testimony. We warmly request your presence at our symposium to be held at 12:30pm at the Mexican American Cultural Center located at 3019 West French Place in San Antonio on Sunday, October 27, 1985. For further information you may call me at 691 5615 or 691 4620 or you may call Mr. Antonio Gonzales at 222 0224 or 222 0225. We look forward to seeing you! Make your voice count on this important issue!

Sincerely yours,

Ray Leal, PhD

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TEXAS-MEXICAN IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE Symposium - October 27, 1985 Mexican American Cultural Center San Antonio, Texas

AGENDA

- 11:00 Church Service at the Assumption Seminary Chapel (optional)
- 12:30 Opening Remarks City Councilwoman Maria A. Berriozobal and Dr. Ray Leal
 - 1:00 An Analysis of the Simpson-Rodino Bill
 - a. Employer Sanctions Mr. Dale F. Swartz, President, National Immigration, Refugee & Citizenship Forum
 - b. Legalization Ms. Sylvia Arriola, State Policy Analyst for MALDEF
 - c. Guest Worker Program Dr. Gilbert Cardenas, University of Texas at Austin and Dr. Avelardo Valdez, University of Texas at San Antonio
 - 2:30 Break
 - 2:45 Legislative Update of the Simpson-Rodino Bill Mr. Richard Fajardo, Associate Counsel for MALDEF, Washington, D.C.
 - 3:15 Testimony from Citizens Citizens will be limited to five minute prepared statements followed by five minutes of questions. The Task Force would appreciate it if citizens' statements were typed or legibly written for submission into the minutes of the symposium's proceedings.
 - 5:15 Closing Remarks