

Tilden, Texas
February 11, 1977

Dr. Hector Perez Garcia

Dear Sir:

My name is Mrs. Dalia T. Perez. My husband is Fidel C. Perez, Jr. We have seven children in McMullen Co. Ind. School District in Tilden, Texas.

We have a problem which I hope you can help us with. We have two daughters, Irma and Ludi. Irma is a Freshman and Ludi is a Junior in High School. Both my daughters were playing basketball. My oldest daughter had started playing on the "A" team when she was a freshman. This year the coach left her sitting on the bench a lot and it became very embarrassing to sit there. Both of my daughters quit the team. Ludi (my oldest daughters) is a cheerleader for basketball games. The same day she quit the team the school called me to let me know that she could not ride the school bus to the out of town games. I talked to the principal and he said she had to look for some other kind of transportation if she wanted to attend the basketball games.

I don't believe this is fair since we pay taxes here. The girls who keep score for the games are allowed to ride the bus.

The school is not federal funded, but I don't believe this is fair since the students elected the cheerleaders last May, and there is plenty of room on the bus.

We can't say it was discrimination because the same thing happened to a Junior high girl and she is an Anglo, but she got mad and is supposed to have thrown the suit at the coach's face. However, my daughter did not do this.

Dr. Garcia, I know you are a busy man, and I apologize for taking you time, but I feel helpless. I wrote a letter to Mr. Henry B. Gonzales last week but I know he is a very busy man, also.

I don't know when you will be able to read my letter since I heard from my aunt in Corpus Christi that you were in Washington on business. I hope that I will hear from you and may God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs Fidel C. Perez Jr.".

Mrs. Fidel C. Perez Jr.