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Dr. Hector P. Garcia 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the tremendous efforts you have exerted towards the betterment of the Mexican-American citizen in this country, especially in South Texas.

As a private citizen, I'm very appreciative of great people as yourself who has sacrificed your life, family, and professional career in order to secure better lifes for others. I am also, a great follower of Dr. Murry Banks, the famous psychiatrist from New York, who believes in giving flowers to individuals while they are on earth and not wait until we expire to extol their virtues.

I've been wanting to write this letter to you just to say that your efforts in going to Washington to fight to retain our NAS is another example of your unselfish attitude in helping people.

While listening to your remarks, the other night in the Leadership Corpus Christi Program, in which I have been serving as Selection Chairman this year, it really entered my mind that I was listening to a legend in his own time.

May God grant you health and vitality to continue the good fight for what is good and just.

Sincerely,

Hector T. Morales Personnel Director

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