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Dear Senator Domenici:

The American GI Forum supports the nomination of Dr. Loraine Gutierrez for Commissioner of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission.

Dr. Gutierrez is qualified for the position on the basis of her education and background and experience in the field of civil rights.

I chaired the Human Rights Board of Albuquerque during the first three years of operation. Dr. Gutierrez was a member of that board and made an outstanding contribution in getting it off the ground.

Dr. Gutierrez lead the successful effort to put in place an affirmative action plan for the Albuquerque school system. I assisted her in that effort and her dedication and sound judgement persuaded the community and members of the board of education to adopt the program.

Dr. Gutierrez has been a member of the New Mexico Civil Rights Advisory Council for a number of years and therefore she will not have to spend a year learning the goals and objectives of the commission or the manner in which the law is supposed to be carried out.

I might add that in my opinion the member of the board nominated must be a person willing to work toward the objectives set out by the law. The person nominated must be articulate and able to persuade the community in general of the rightness of human rights in our country. I believe that Dr. Gutierrez can fulfill those requirements.

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Sincerely