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Senator John Tower
The United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Tower;

We are aware that you are getting many telegrams and letters from Concerned Neighbors, Inc. from Corpus Christi in reference to a "Constitutional Amendment" to prohibit forced busing of school children to achieve racial or ethnic balance in public schools.

This is a well organized racist campaign by this group of people in Texas who wish to deny Mexican American and Blacks good education. Historically what is happening today in denying Mexican American children good education in Texas is an old "bag" and this is nothing new.

While we are not in a position as to dictate to any member of Congress their answer to this "racist request", but we are in a position to strongly advise all members of Congress and the Executive that we are tired of this and any other manuevers that continue to hold the Mexican American child in a state of perpetual denial of even fair education. In plain and blunt language, "Ya Basta".

Public officials should first acknowledge the fact that today there exists school discrimination against our children as per the findings of the Courts and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. When this point is acknowledged, then at least we know that the officials are knowledgeable as to the truth.

Then of course, the usual standard, coverall and evasive answer, "I am against forced busing, etc." can be issued to satisfy the racists. But then we are also entitled to an explanation as what is offered in clear terms that will erase the inequities and illegality of the present system.

The other answer is " I believe in equal education for every child" is another "stock answer" which to us is a fallacy since we never had or today have "that equal education".

I would rather hear the public officials state "that all superintendents and school board members who have been found guilty by Federal, Circuit, and Supreme Courts should be removed and fined". After all, they have committed a serious offense against our children.