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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thanks again for taking time from your busy schedule to testify on behalf of my H.B. 184, creation of a permanent Human Relations Commission. Your testimony was most valuable and appreciated. The Members of the Committee were most impressed with you.

You will be happy to note that I met with the Members of the Sub-Committee on this bill yesterday and we should have a report to the full Committee by Tuesday, February 20th. (It is a good Committee, that I selected.)

Also, you will be happy to note that yesterday the House Education Committee heard my three education bills, H.B. 145 and 146 (Bilingual Education) and H.B. 147 (Adult Education). The Committee by almost unanimous vote reported favorably H.B. 147 and were about to report H.B. 145 out of Committee except for a minor technicality. H.B. 145 is to be reported out of committee this coming Tuesday, February 13th. This bill would appropriate 6.4 million dollars for Bilingual Education, training institutes, bilingual education textbooks and bilingual education teacher salaries. For the first time bilingual education teachers would be recognized as having additional talent that requires additional compensation. H.B. 147 would appropriate 10.2 million dollars for Adult Basic Education, G.E.D., and precollege remediation, and high school credit, and pre-employment skill training.

As you know, Governor Briscoe has endorsed H.B.s 145 and 147, as well as the creation of the permanent Human Relations Commission (newspaper article attached).

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Please note that I am enclosing copies of these bills. Pay particular attention to H.B. 146, which did not get as much support as H.B.s 145 and 147. As you can see, H. B. 146 benefits our children more than the teachers. However, we didn't have a "Children's Lobby" in Austin! However, my strategy is to push for the passage of H.B. 146 after I have passed H.B.s 145 and 147.

Again, I want to express my appreciation for testifying on the Human Relations Commission bill, and you can expect to hear from me again on pending legislation that is of mutual benefit.

If I can be of assistance in any manner, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very truly yours,

Carlos E. Truan, Chairman Human Resources Committee