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DEAR FROBEN:

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE RACE THAT YOU RAN. I BELIEVE THAT IN LOSING THIS RACE, NATURALLY, YOU FEEL DISAPPOINTED, BUT IN LIFE YOU WILL FIND THAT OUR LIFE IS HARD. OUR LIFE IS FULL OF MISERY AND SUFFERING. WE WILL LOSE MANY A RACE BEFORE YOU ACHIEVE RECOGNITION IN A POSITION THAT IS RIGHTFULLY OWED YOU. DO NOT GROW BITTER, GROW DETERMINED, GROW DEFIANT OF THIS TYPE OF SITUATION THAT CONDEMNS US TO SECOND CLASS CITIZENSHIP. BE PROUD, HAVE DIGNITY, WORK AND WORK HARD. SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT TODAY HAVE STABBED YOU IN THE BACK TOMORROW WILL BECOME YOUR FRIENDS WHEN THEY FIND OUT THAT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO STAY LAYING DOWN SO THEY CAN KICK YOU. RISE AND STAND ON YOUR FEET AND CHALLENGE THE WORLD IF NECESSARY. WE WILL WIN THIS FIGHT BECAUSE WE ARE WORKING FOR OUR COUNTRY, DEMOCRACY AND THE PEOPLE.

IN THE MEANWHILE I HOPE THAT YOU WILL KEEP ON WITH THE AMERICAN GI FORUM. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SHOW THIS LETTER TO THE REST OF THE PEOPLE THAT I TALKED TO AT THE TRAILER PARK WHERE WE WERE TALKING. I WANT THEM TO READ IT. I WANT THEM TO JOIN THE AMERICAN GI FORUM, LEARN HOW TO CONDUCT STATE AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS. THE GI FORUM IS THE ONLY SALVATION. WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING A LOCAL GROUP CALLED THE POLITICAL ASSOCIATION FOR SPANISH SPEAKING ORGANIZATIONS WHICH COSTS ONLY \$1.00 A YEAR.

I AM FOR YOU. I WILL ALWAYS BE FOR YOU. I AM PROUD OF YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE LOST LIKE A MAN AND YOU WILL WIN AGAIN LIKE A MAN. WE HAVE TO ABOLISH THE POLL TAX IN ORDER TO KEEP POLITICAL BOSSES FROM CONTROLLING OUR PEOPLE. IN CASE YOU LEAVE, PLEASE BE SURE AND LEAVE US A GOOD CHAIRMAN FOR THE AMERICAN GI FORUM BUT I WOULD FEEL MUCH BETTER IF YOU WOULD TAKE THE CHAIRMANSHIP AND GET IT ORGANIZED ON A STRONG BASIS BEFORE YOU LEAVE. YOU HAVE JUST STARTED TO FIGHT. I KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO IT. GIVE MY REGARDS TO EVERYONE THERE. GOOD LUCK AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.

cc: BOB SANCHEZ, ED IDAR