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April 20, 1959

Hon. Eligio de la Garza
House of Representatives
Capital Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Kika:

I gathered from my talk with you Saturday that you are opposed to the sales tax bill — I do not care what they call it — which has been referred out of committee. I trust you will also be opposed to any selective sales taxes — particularly any raising the cost of gasoline, cigaretts, toothbrushes, restaurant meals, and a number of the other items that are included in the bill that has been recommended. I would like to recommend for your reading the last issued of "The Texas Observer" and the information contained therein bearing upon the oil and gas companies that are not bearing their just share of the tax load.

While I am on this, I trust that the 50¢ minimum wage law proposal is not dead but that it can yet be passed and that there will be no exemptions for agricultural workers.

Let me state that this letter is purely a personal one, and that I do not pretend to speak for any group or organization.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Idar, Jr.

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Hon. Wade Spilman
House of Representatives
Capital Building
Austin, Texas'

Dear Wade:

The tax bill that has been recommended by the House Committee is preposterous. It is inconceivable that the House could consider expending so broadly the selective sales taxes with which we are already burdened and that it should ignore so completely the inadequate share of taxation born by the oil and gas companies. In this connection, I refer you to the last issue of "The Texas Observer."

While I am on it since this is the first time this season that I deem it necessary to write to you as your constituent, I trust you are supporting the state minimum wage bill, including agricultural workers.

Please let me advise that I am writing this letter in my own personal behalf and that I do not pretend to speak for any group or organization.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Idar, Jr.

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Mr. Maury Maverick, Jr.
Room 204, Maverick Building
San Antonio 5, Texas

Dear Muary:

Your letter on behalf of the 50¢ state minimum wage law has been received. I am certainly happy to see the interest that you have taken in this matter. I can assure you that all three representatives from Hidalgo County have heard from me on this and on the sales tax bill that is being considered.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Idar, Jr.

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April 27, 1959

Honorable Richard Cory
House of Representatives
Capitol Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Representative Cory:

I certainly want to take this opportunity to tell you that I am very much in favor of the Minimum Wage of 50¢ an hour for the workers in our State.

I know that they are workers in this area and other areas that earn as little as 20 to 25¢ an hour. I know that this is a very tragic condition in the state of Texas. It is my belief that a minimum wage of 50¢ would not be an imposition or hardship on any employer and it might be a difference between happiness and unhappiness or life or death to many of our families.

You will be surprise to know that we have one of the lowest income of any group in the Nation. I am referring to the American people of Mexican origin. We have according to Federal Standards over one half million illiterates.

We have some of the highest infant mortality rates in the Nation. I know you personally and I certainly hope that you will consider this request as a humanitarian Christin and American basis. Please do everything possible to see that the Bill is passed, and I can assure you that I will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.,
Founder & National Chairman
AmericanGI Forum of the US

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