

April 26, 1950

Representative John E. Lyle
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Lyle:

In reference to Legislation contained S. 272 pertaining to admission of foreign agricultural workers, I wish to state that there has never been a shortage of American Citizens working in the Agricultural fields, in our State. Being representative of Veterans and their families who engage in this type of work, we are kindly asking you to go against this Legislation. There are close to 50,000 American Citizens who are migrating away from South and Central Texas to other States because they have been displaced by approximately 100,000 illegal wetbacks who yearly come across from Mexico. The sad part of this story is that these workers take with them approximately 10,000 children of school age before the school term is finished and do not bring them back until the school session is well underway. With us, it is a serious problem, and we are asking you to kindly consider us who are American workers, of more importance than imported foreign labor.

We feel confident that our representatives and senators in Washington will protect the rights of these minorities who have no one to defend them or speak for them except organizations like the one I represent, which are sincerely interested in their welfare and happiness as Americans.

Thanking you kindly for your attentions, I remain

Respectfully,

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
Chairman
AMERICAN G.I. FORUM OF TEXAS

HPG/mb

CC: Rep. Wright Patman,
Rep. J.M. Combs
Rep. Lindley Beckworth
Rep. Sam Rayburn
Rep. J. Frank Wilson
Rep. Olin E. Teague
Rep. Tom Pickett
Rep. Albert Thomas,
Rep. Clark W. Thompson
Rep. Homer Thornberry
Rep. W.R. Poage
Rep. Wingate H. Lucas

Rep. Ed Gossett
Rep. Ken Regan
Rep. Omar Burleson
Rep. Eugene Worley
Rep. George H. Mahon
Rep. Paul J. Kilday
Rep. O.C. Fisher