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Dr. Hector P. Garcia, M.D. Chairman American G.I. Forum 1315 Bright Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Your interest in issues that affect the well-being of families has prompted me to inform you of legislation that Congressman Laughlin voted for, which was recently passed by the House of Representatives on child care.

As you may know, the House reviewed the child care issue within the Budget Reconciliation Bill, H.R. 3299 on October 5, 1989. After rejecting two attempts to scale back the program, the House approved a measure that would expand Head Start, provide full-day child care, and create basic federal guidelines for child care centers across the nation. In addition, the plan would increase the earned income tax credit for low to moderate income families whose children are enrolled in a state-approved child care center.

Congressman Laughlin's commitment to quality education for all children remains firm. He supported the provision within the Budget Reconciliation because he realizes how important it is for families of modest means to have accessible quality day care for their children.

The House child care legislation has numerous differences from the earlier Senate approved version that will be ironed out in a conference committee. You may be assured that Congressman Laughlin and I will monitor its progress closely as the conferees take up the task of resolving the differences.

Sincerely,

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Executive Assistant to Congressman Greg Laughlin

Agre all is well with you.