

Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Founder
American G.I. Forum
1315 Bright St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78405

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Dear Dr. Garcia,

I attended UTMB as a first year medical student and I was dropped from the rolls for academic failure. I failed Physiology by six points while passing Neuroanatomy and Biochemistry during the last semester.

I appealed to Committee A for the opportunity to make up the first year deficiencies. The committee, which did not include any Hispanic or female members, denied my request. I appealed the decision of the committee to George T. Bryan, the Dean of the School of Medicine. (Copy of letter backdated from May 31, copy enclosed).

Although my family has no background in the medical field, I am totally committed to becoming a physician. I selected UTMB as my first choice because of its clinical emphasis. I sought help in the form of study methods and tutoring but there was no meaningful or timely help afforded me as compared to opportunities afforded others.

Although there may be a case of discrimination on the basis of Title VI (national origin) and Title IX (sex). I am requesting that you assist me in resolving this matter so that I can continue at UTMB. Thank you for your assistance and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,



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