



AMERICAN GI FORUM OF TEXAS
INDEPENDENT VETERANS ORGANIZATION

March 30, 1974

US
Honorable John Young, ~~Senator~~
~~The State of Texas~~
~~Senate Office Building~~
Washington, D. C.

14th U.S. Congressional District
Re: Congressional Charter
American GI Forum of
The United States

Congressman
Dear ~~Senator~~ Young:

The American GI Forum of the United States respectfully requests your assistance in its effort to secure a Congressional Charter for our organization. As you know, our organization represents a substantial segment of spanish-speaking veterans in the southwest and in the western part of the United States. There are several reasons why we feel that The American GI Forum is in need for a Congressional Charter, these are:

1. Donations would be tax deductible;
2. We would be able to obtain office space and Veterans Administration Hospitals throughout the United States to assist not only spanish-speaking or surname veterans but all veterans who need such assistance;
3. Sales taxes and property taxes--The American GI Forum of the United States owns substantial real and personal property and we as an organization would benefit from a tax exempt status which funds, instead of going to taxes, could go toward furthering these goals and aims of our organization;

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4. Through scholarships upon securing a Congressional Charter it would be much easier, if not better, for the American GI Forum to continue its scholarships program for needy students.

In conclusion it is our feeling that having a Congressional Charter would put us in a position to continue rendering service to the veteran and to his family.

Thanking you ahead for your anticipated cooperation. I remain.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Hector P. Garcia

Dr. Hector P. Garcia, Founder
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