

FEBRUARY 24, 1965

CONGRESSMAN JAMES WRIGHT
OFFICE OF THE U.S. CONGRESSMEN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT;

WE HAVE JUST FINISHED THE MID-YEAR CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN G I FORUM
IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.

WE KNOW THAT FOR MANY YEARS TEXAS HAS LACKED BEHIND IN THE FIELDS OF
EDUCATION, WORK, WELFARE, AND PRACTICALLY EVERY OTHER FIELD. WE KNOW
THAT THE GREATEST CAUSE OF THIS RETARDATION HAS BEEN THE INABILITY
OF TEXAS' TEXAN-MEXICANS GETTING A GOOD EDUCATION, DECENT WAGES,
HUMANE HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

ONE OF THE FIRST STUMBLING BLOCKS WAS THE "WET BACK LABOR". THE OTHER
STUMBLING BLOCK WAS THE BRACERO PROGRAM.

WE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICANS IN TEXAS AND THROUGHOUT THE
NATION FELT WE HAD MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS WHEN THE BRACERO PROGRAM
WAS TERMINATED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1965.

AS A FELLOW TEXAN, I FEEL THAT THIS WILL PRODUCE GREAT BENEFITS TO THE
STATE OF TEXAS, ESPECIALLY THE TEXAN-MEXICANS. THEREFORE, I AM BEGGING
YOU AND ASKING YOU TO PLEASE GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THE AMERICAN
DOMESTIC WORKERS TO OBTAIN A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING BY TERMINATION
OF THE BRACERO PROGRAM OR ANY SUCH SIMILAR PROGRAM.

THIS I SUBMIT TO YOU WITH ALL THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS FOR YOU.

VERY TRULY,

HECTOR P. GARCIA, M.D.
FOUNDER, AMERICAN G I FORUM

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CONGRESSMAN JOHN YOUNG

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