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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I read with great interest your profile in the Sunday edition of the Caller Times on the 31st of July. The story was an excellent piece of journalism that really captured the essence of your struggle.

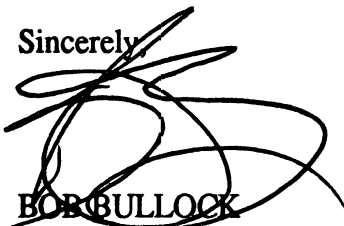
You have come so far since those days after the war and the founding of the G.I. Forum. The G.I. Forum Convention at the beginning of the month was a tribute to your unswerving dedication for the betterment of the Hispanic community.

We both know that your work is not complete as long as one child goes uneducated or one family lives in substandard housing. I have been concerned with the absence of services for the 74,000 people in the colonias along the border, especially with regards to potable water. As a doctor you know first hand what happens when children grow up drinking unsanitary water. The health implications are deplorable and of course health problems impede the normal life cycle of these children. As you know, I am committed to a plan of action to overcome the colonia syndrome.

Furthermore, if education is the passport to opportunity we must insure all our children a good education. To this end I continue to dedicate staff and resources to a sound educational funding formula to meet the criterion of Judge Harley Clark.

I am preparing for the next legislative session so we can propose result oriented programs to the legislature. Your suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for so many years of telling it like it is and providing Texans with the candid and honest portrayal of the issues in the Hispanic community.

Sincerely,



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