

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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Dear Hector:

Thank you for your letter regarding the English Language Amendment.

English has been established as the official language of the United States by fact and by practice. Reading, writing and understanding English is certainly in everyone's self-interest. Individuals without English proficiency are at a disadvantage both personally and professionally.

Senate Joint Resolution 13 by Senator Symms proposes to make English the official language of the U.S. by an amendment to the Constitution. It has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee and its Subcommittee on the Constitution for hearings and debate. Although I am not a member of this committee, please be assured I will keep your views in mind when the issue comes to the floor of the U.S. Senate.

I appreciate your sharing your thoughts and comments on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Graham", written in a cursive style.

United States Senator

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