

Dear MAD member,

I am writing to thank you for the vital support I received in the Democratic primary and to ask for your continued commitment as we face the Republican challenge this November 7. The election is drawing close, and without the active involvement of experienced people like yourself, we cannot win.

As Attorney General I faced a number of challenges that in the past would go unanswered. We took the phone company to court over a rate hike and won. We cleaned up the political corruption that has stifled the people of different areas if Texas. We acted to insure the prosecution of law enforcement officers who denied civil rights to Mexican Americans. I want to be governor so we can tackle new challenges, so we can provide solutions to problems that plague Texas.

Throughout the campaign I have stated my intention to make education my first priority as governor. Texas must make progress in solving school finance inequities, improving bilingual education, and bettering programs to reach dropouts and nontraditional students.

We need to insure that the benefits of economic growth are spread broadly for all Texans to enjoy. Economic development and expanded job opportunities must be a prime concern of the next governor. The need of better coordination of federal programs and better use of state resources is great, and the governor's needs to be fully involved.

Law enforcement must be fair and just, with full protection of civil rights. The Governor can be as effective in this area as the Attorney General. The Governor's Criminal Justice Council can put a priority on training programs in cross cultural and language awareness for police, and the Governor can toughen administration of civil rights and anti-discrimination laws.

Making state programs work for the Mexican American community requires that Mexican Americans be placed in decision making positions in state agencies, a commitment I am eager to honor. I cannot do so, however, without your help.

On November 7 we face one more hurdle in this long campaign. We need help in stirring interest in the election and in getting the vote out on election day. The Republicans have been making an unprecedented effort to win votes in the Mexican American community. I hope I can count on your active support between now and the election so we are able to make progress on these vital issues in January.

John Hill