

Dr. Garcia,

I am appalled that a man like you would accuse any Gonzalez staff member of doing anything adverse to the drive to help the poor.

As research and development assistant to Congressman Gonzalez, Mr. Meek has been instrumental in helping the Congressman make possible more than 12,000 jobs for San Antonio in the past six years as well as sweating blood and tears to get the millions of dollars of anti-poverty and work training programs we have gotten for San Antonio.

As you may know, I have worked for the Congressman for the most part of 10 years. We work consistently -- legislative wise, and on individual cases -- involving the poor. I work not only a five day week, but 90% ~~xxxx~~ of the time every Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Meek and other professional staff people have worked long into the night, too, and our efforts have only partially scratched the surface of the needs of our people.

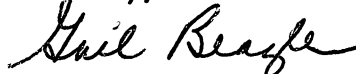
Mr. Meek was sent to the Committee by Mr. Gonzalez to ~~as~~ listen to what was going on. He simply asked for any prepared materials and statements. He got a copy of your statement as you were the only one testifying so far who had submitted a prepared statement.

It is disconcerting to think that you are not cognizant of the dedication of the staff that I have helped to finally develop as the Congressman's chief assistant, and that you have no concept of the enormity of what we have accomplished -- although it is not enough.

If we could, we would eradicate the needs of the people with the snap of our fingers -- (which, as you know, many members of Congress would not be willing to do).

Therefore, what we have accomplished has been difficult to obtain.... and, the struggle seems harder when someone like you doesn't realize the efforts that we have made and that what has been accomplished has been done because we have had even the staff we have had.....I have a staff of 12 to work with, but I could use 20, if I had the money to hire them.

Sincerely,



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