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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
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Dear Doctor Garcia:

Recently, the League of United Latin American Citizens of Corpus Christi, Texas, completed a study to inquire into possible alternatives and solutions to terminate job discrimination affecting Mexican-Americans, particularly in the Corpus Christi area.

The results of this study prompted our LULAC State Director, Mr. Tony Bonilla; the Corpus Christi LULAC Council President, Mr. Jim Wilburn; and myself, the Chairman of Equal Employment Opportunity for the LULAC State Office, to agree that the most significant solution to this employment problem is the establishment of an Equal Employment Commission Office in Corpus Christi. Therefore, in my capacity, I am requesting your generous assistance to help bring this badly needed government agency to Corpus Christi.

We feel this request is justified since job discrimination is still very much in existence, especially in this area of highly concentrated Mexican-American population.

The jobs are here as you will note, since Corpus Christi and its immediate area is blessed with industries in petroleum production, metals, chemicals, numerous major construction projects, plus other significant economic activities. In spite of this, many of the college graduates, skilled and talented people of Mexican descent and Blacks, are forced to move to other cities and states in search of better and more worthwhile employment.

It has also been brought to our attention that the EEOC Office in San Antonio is unable to meet the needs of the people in the Corpus Christi area. Reports indicate that the EEOC office in San Antonio is presently behind in

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processing the San Antonio complaints alone. Yet, the San Antonio office is responsible for those areas surrounding San Antonio, and those areas south of San Antonio, including Corpus Christi and all the Valley.

The presence of an Equal Employment Commission Office in Corpus Christi would not only create respect for our people, it would open doors of opportunity, raise our living standards, be a factor in encouraging students to remain in school, and bring birth to more faith and confidence in our national government.

We hope that you will give this request your personal attention. The people in Corpus Christi and the area will be most grateful. I can assure you that LULAC stands ready to work with you in this objective.

Sincerely,



ROBERT SALINAS