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Hon. Hubert Hudson
Senate Chamber
Capital Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Senator Hudson:

The Valley Evening Monitor in its edition for today reports on the meeting held in Austin yesterday by a group of Valley citizens and other members of the Valley Legislative Delegation. In referring to the Party Registration Bill which has been introduced by Representative De La Garza, the newspaper quotes you as having indicated that you would oppose this bill.

I certainly hope that this is not a correct report with reference to your views on this Legislation. As you know, you have many many friends who consider themselves Democrats without label. It is time that we had party registration in Texas for it would permit a real two party political system in our state. It is also high time that steps be taken to keep Democratic Party primary elections and party conventions from being subverted by people who have no moral compunction about participating in the affairs of a party in which they do not really believe. The only honest thing to do is to force the followers of each party to confine themselves in their political activity to their respective parties.

I would also like to ask your support of the Governor's recommendation for an appropriation for the Texas Migrant Labor Council. The Legislative Budget Board failed to recommend any appropriation for this state agency which is the only agency that now concerns itself with the problems of migrant labor. I am sure you are well aware

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that thousands of Valley citizens migrate yearly in search of better paid employment, and the work of this agency is vital to the welfare of these people who are not foreign but are our own citizens and taxpayers.

Very truly yours,

Ed Idar, Jr.

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