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Dear Friend:

The American GI Forum recently received a part of the Constitution of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen as it was revised and amended in July and August, 1953. The part on membership reads as follows:

"He shall be white, born of good moral character, sober and industrious, not less than 16 years of age, and be able to read and write the English language and understand our constitution. Mexicans or those of Spanish Mexican extraction are not eligible."

The constitution then adds that in case there are laws or court decisions which are in conflict with their regulations then the law or court decision supersedes the provisions of their regulations on membership.

The American GI Forum is dedicated to the principles of justice. We believe every American citizen should have the right to fair employment opportunities. We hold no ill will towards any one because of race, color or creed. Because we believe in good human relations in every town in America, we have placed our complaint before the Fair Employment Practices Commission for investigation. We also intend to send the complaint to the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

Our purpose in writing to you is to ask for your help in promoting good human relations.

We would appreciate a contribution to help us in this work.
WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Sincerely yours,

Vicente T. Ximenes
National Chairman