

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Dear Friend:

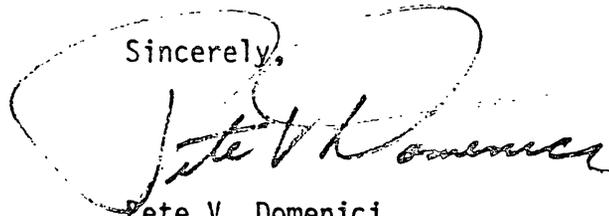
As you may know, President Carter recently issued a government-wide directive to heads of agencies and departments in which he announced the intention of the current Administration to upgrade its commitment to Black institutions of higher education. The President's directive is a significant and far-reaching one which outlines his goal of "increasing access of historically black colleges to all Federal agencies".

The enclosed letter, which I, and several of my Senate colleagues recently sent to the President, outlines my firm belief that the Administration's exclusive emphasis on Black colleges and universities essentially ignores the higher education needs of Spanish Americans. I strongly believe that any effort by the Administration to upgrade its support for Black institutions of higher education should be balanced by an increased emphasis upon the higher education needs of Spanish Americans. As you will note, my letter urges the President to pursue policies in the area of higher education which will insure equal opportunity to all minority groups.

I hope that the enclosed is informative to you and welcome any comments you may have on this subject.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pete V. Domenici". The signature is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Pete V. Domenici  
United States Senator

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Enclosure