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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

During 25 years of experience as a person deeply involved in the improvement of the social, economic, educational conditions of the Mexican Americans, I have always felt the need of a Washington representative of lobbying group so that those conditions can be improved.

During these same 25 years of strife and suffering I realized then as I do now that such a group should be working in Washington, D. C. This is my feeling because the states, specially the Southwest states during these 25 years have done little or really want to do much in trying to put an end to the abuse, discrimination, exploitation, denial of rights of the Mexican Americans groups.

If the future and progress of the Mexican Americans had been left to the states they would not have passed any legislation for such improvements. In fact they would have to continue to oppress us more and more.

Today, I am pleased to give my backing to the "National Association for Spanish Surnamed Americans" so that they can be a spokesman, a lobbyist, a representative of the many millions of Mexican Americans in the United States.

I feel that there is a good future for such an organization. I feel that the Mexican Americans will get more effective legislation through Congress. I feel also that some of the laws that have been passed that have been against our welfare and being could have been stopped.

Today, for example, if President Nixon's anti-bussing amendments or laws are passed they will stop and retard the advancements of the Mexican American children in the public schools.

Thank you. I favor the creation of such a lobby.

Sincerely yours,

Hector P. Garcia, M.D.