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Dr. Hector P. Garcia, M.D. American GI Forum of the U.S. 1315 Bright Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Doctor Garcia:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter to me regarding Judge Gerald Chargin.

I am in full agreement with you that judges must be impartial and that racism has no place on the bench. From the materials you forwarded, it appears that Judge Chargin does indeed display racial bias in the courtroom. Certain of his comments are entirely uncalled for.

However, although I believe that racist jurists have no place in the court, I am not in any position to intervene in State judicial concerns. Under California procedure, there is provision for action against Judge Chargin. As a non-Californian with no familiarity with the case, it would be highly inappropriate for me to exert pressure on the bar and Commission on Judiciary Qualifications.

May I suggest that these matters be placed before the Supreme Court in full and that California's two Senators be informed of this matter.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUYE

United States Senator

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