

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20415

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Mr. Vicente T. Ximenes 304 Monroe Street, N.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

Dear Mr. Ximenes:

The civil service reform effort which I had the pleasure of describing to you during the last meeting of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships has now been submitted to Congress by the President, and those of us who spend our lives concerned professionally with public management must try to take advantage of this Presidential support.

In order to provide you a bit more information than I was able to give you earlier, I enclose a copy of the basic news release which describes in some detail the content of both the Reorganization Plan and the Civil Service Reform Act.

We are gratified by the kind of support which the proposals have already generated. Thus far, we have endorsements from Common Cause, the National Association of Commissions for Women, the National Civil Service League, the Committee for Economic Development, the National League of Cities and the Black Leadership Forum. We also have qualified support from the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO and from its government employee affiliate, the American Federation of Government Employees. We anticipate receiving support from both the Chamber of Commerce and Business Roundtable and a number of other business and civic groups. Despite this support, we know that the effort to get the reform proposals through Congress will be most difficult and complex.

If you have a continuing interest in this effort, please let me know and I will keep you informed about its progress through Congress. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

K. Campbe

Enclosure



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Mr. Vicente T. Ximenes Commissioner White House Fellowships American GI Forum #1 621 Gabaldon Road, NW Albuquerque, NM 87104

Dear Mr. Ximenes:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you expressed your personal support for the proposals to reform and reorganize the civil service system.

It was a pleasure to talk with you at the White House, and I am grateful that you have already shared information on our proposals with the various organizations with which you are associated.

I am particularly impressed with the philosophy and accomplishments of the American GI Forum of the U.S. In keeping with our efforts to open up the Federal personnel system to more Americans who have historically been underrepresented in Federal employment, a formal endorsement of our proposals by the American GI Forum would be most appropriate and helpful. If it is possible for the American GI Forum to make this type of endorsement, I will be delighted to provide you with any additional information on the civil service reform proposals which you may require.

I look forward to hearing from you about our shared interest in revitalizing the Federal personnel system.

Sincerely yours,

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