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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Friend:

From the many local and national conferences of Spanish Speaking organizations and groups has come the consensus that we must escalate our energies in our efforts to equalize opportunity for the Spanish Speaking community.

After various discussions among major Spanish Speaking organizations over the past several months it was concluded that a national meeting must take place between major Chicano and Boricua groups to develop a national strategy and to explore the possibility of a national coalition of Spanish Speaking groups to deal with the social, economic and political problems of the Spanish Speaking people in this country. Such a meeting has been scheduled for October 23rd and 24th in Washington, D.C. The enclosures will give specifics as to time and place.

As a representative of a major Chicano or Boricua organization you are invited and urged to attend. Recent statistics indicate that our expectations over the last decade in terms of social justice have not materialized. Areas to be covered at this meeting will include strategies for intervention in national priorities including equal employment opportunity in quantified terms, social and economic problems and legislative and political strategies.

Again we urge your attendance at what we consider an historical opportunity to begin a comprehensive thrust at equalizing opportunity for our people.

Fraternally,

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