



UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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Honorable Junio Lopez  
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Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Dr. Garcia has referred to me your article "Jackrabbit in the Corner" and your question about New Mexico's new voting legislation.

Our Information Officer has reviewed your article. Although he advises me that he found it vivid and compelling, he does not believe it is the type of article we generally publish in the Civil Rights Digest. I regret, therefore, that it is necessary for me to return it to you. I wish you luck in having it published elsewhere.

With respect to your question on the new voting legislation, Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 only applies to certain areas, which are generally in the South. Therefore the State has no duty to submit the new legislation to the Department of Justice for approval.

The State, of course, may not enforce discriminatory legislation. If you could send me a copy of the new voting legislation I will have the Commission's legal staff examine it for possible violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Howard A. Glickstein  
Howard A. Glickstein  
Designate

Enclosure

cc: ✓ Dr. Garcia