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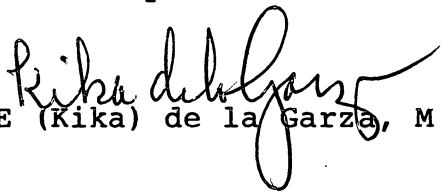
Dear Doctor Garcia

This will forward your way the attached letter I received from the U S Department of Transportation after I contacted them concerning your request for funding assistance in upgrading the Volunteer Mobility Program for U S Disabled Veterans.

Their reply forwards along an earlier letter that they sent you. Should you decide to follow-up with an application to the State, please do not hesitate to let me know since I would want to make my support for your efforts known to the appropriate authorities.

With my best wishes and highest regards, I am

Sincerely


E (Kika) de la Garza, M C

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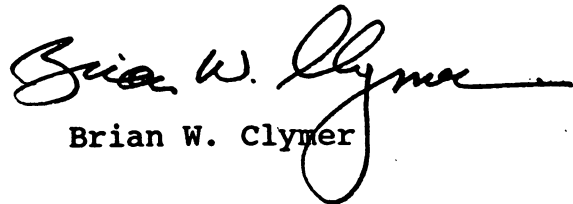
The Honorable E. (Kika) de la Garza
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. de la Garza:

Thank you for your letter enclosing correspondence from your constituent, Hector P. Garcia, Founder, American G.I. Forum, Corpus Christi, Texas. Dr. Garcia wrote directly to the Department of Transportation to request Federal funding for his specialized transportation service for disabled veterans in the Rio Grande Valley. I have enclosed a copy of my response to him for your information.

I appreciate your sharing your interest in this matter and I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,


Brian W. Clymer

Enclosure

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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Secretary Skinner has asked me to thank you and respond to your letter requesting Federal funding for specialized transportation for disabled veterans in the Rio Grande Valley.

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) is the agency of the Department of Transportation which provides funding to States and local public bodies to assist them with providing transportation in communities, nationwide. As part of its program of transit assistance, UMTA provides funding through its Section 16(b)(2) program to private nonprofit organizations to help them provide specialized transportation services for elderly and handicapped persons.

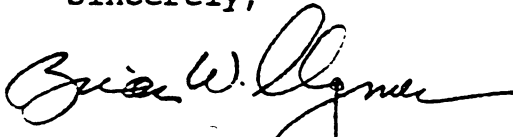
Section 16(b)(2) is strictly a capital assistance program, with UMTA providing 80 percent of the cost of vehicles and equipment and the local organization paying the remaining 20 percent. Although the Section 16(b)(2) program cannot provide financial assistance for operating these vehicles, the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging can be a source of operating funding through its programs.

Section 16(b)(2) funds are apportioned to each State and managed for UMTA at the State level by an agency designated by the Governor to accept, review, and select individual applications for funding before the State forwards its consolidated statewide application to UMTA for final approval. The State agency frequently is responsible for the procurement of vehicles and equipment. The agency also monitors the use of these vehicles and equipment in services provided by the individual organizations.

If you would like to have additional information about the Section 16(b)(2) program in your area, then you may contact Ms. Margot D. Massey, Manager, Grant Programs, Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Eleventh and Brazos, Austin, Texas 78701-2483, telephone number (512) 483-3662. Ms. Massey is the State contact person for the Section 16(b)(2) program in Texas. She will be able to provide you with any information that you may need.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,



Brian W. Clymer