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***** ACTION ALERT *****

LULAC OF TEXAS has initiated and "action hotline" to express opposition to President Reagan's Contra Aid proposal that will go before Congress on February 3, 1987. The action Hotline will allow callers to send a pre-recorded message in the form of a mail-a-gram directly to your U.S. Congressmen. The mail-a-gram costs the caller \$4.50 and it can be charged directly to your telephone bill.

It is critical that you contact our fellow membership upon receipt of this notice and request that they participate in blocking this initiative.

TO ACCESS THE HOTLINE:

1. CALL 1 (800) 257-4900
2. ASK FOR OPERATOR #9327
3. REQUEST THAT A MAIL-A-GRAM WITH LULAC OF TEXAS' MESSAGE BE SENT TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN.
4. GIVE THE OPERATOR THE TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT WILL BE USED TO CHARGE THE MAIL-A-GRAM.

THE MESSAGE READ:

Dear Congressman:

I urge you to support the Central America Peace Plan by voting against any and all contra aid proposals, and stop the hindrance of the peace process in Central America.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME

ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND THE LIST OF CONGRESSMEN THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AS SWING VOTES. IF YOU CHOOSE TO SEND AN ADDITIONAL MAIL-A-GRAM TO ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT COST IS ONLY \$4.00

Hotline will be in place on WED. 2.M.

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January 22, 1988

Dear Friend,

We are writing to urge you to take immediate action regarding the Central American Peace Plan and the Reagan Administration's proposal to give \$50-100 million more to the contras. We believe that U.S. policy has hindered the peace process in Central America. As you may know, since 1981, U.S. support of over \$500 million for the contras has resulted in a war against the Nicaraguan people that has cost some 25,000 Nicaraguan lives and about \$3.5 billion in damage to the economy.

In spite of this policy, more progress towards peace has been achieved in the last six months of negotiations among the five Central American Presidents than in the last six years of U.S. aid to the contras.

It is time that the President and Congress respect the will of the Central American people. In their latest meeting the five Central American Presidents urged the U.S. to end all funding to the contras. Furthermore, all opinion polls since 1983 have shown that the American people oppose continued contra aid by a two to one margin. The Southwest Voter Research Institute polls show that Mexican American voters oppose contra aid by a similar margin. Finally, key Hispanic organizations like LULAC and the Mexican American Democrats have passed resolutions opposing contra aid.

We therefore urge you to take one of the following immediate steps between Jan. 25 and Feb. 2:

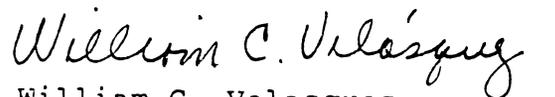
1.) Send an immediate cable or call your Congressperson. Urge him or her to support the Central America Peace Plan by voting against any and all contra aid proposals;

2.) Come to Washington, D.C. on February 2 to be present when a group of national Hispanic leaders will hold a national press conference to make known the Hispanic position on U.S. policy in Nicaragua.

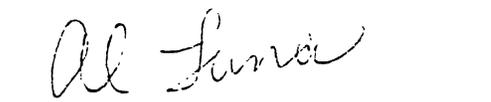
We have enclosed a list of Congressmen who are undecided on the contra aid issue, which will be voted up or down on Feb. 3. Again, we urge you to act. Renewed aid to the contras will kill the Central America Peace Plan and bring us one step closer to a repeat of Vietnam. For more information, call State LULAC Director Jose de Lara (512)532-3212 or SVREP Communication Director Gladys Alonzo (512)222-0224.

Sincerely,


Jose Garcia De Lara,
Texas State Director,
League of United Latin
American Citizens


William C. Velasquez,
President,
Southwest Voter Registration
Education Project


Blandina Cardenas,
Vice President,
Texas Democratic Party


Representative Al Luna,
Chairman,
Mexican American
Legislative Caucus, Texas
House of Representatives


Honorable Maria Antonietta Berriozabal
City Council, San Antonio, Texas

Undecided Congressmen

Write all at:

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

1. Mike Andrews, Houston (202)225-7508
2. Jake Pickle, Austin (202)225-4865
3. Ron Coleman, El Paso (202)225-4831
4. Solomon Ortiz, Corpus Christ (202)225-7742
5. Kika de la Garza, Rio Grande Valley (202)225-2531