

United States Senate

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Dear Hector:


As you know, I am a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to establish an Office of Hispanic Affairs. This bill was introduced in the Senate last year and referred to the Governmental Affairs Committee, where it has been pending action since that time.

I believe the Hispanic American community deserves the opportunity to present its views on this important legislation to the Senate. I have joined with Senators Domenici, DeConcini, and Dole, as original sponsors of S. 1066, therefore, to formally request hearings on this bill. A copy of our letter is enclosed.

S. 1066 is a sound legislative proposal that has bipartisan support in the Senate, and I am optimistic that hearings can be held. It is especially important to the Hispanic American community, however, that its representative organizations and advocates be prepared to present testimony and any other useful information to the Committee. Consequently, if I can provide any guidance or assistance to you, I ask that you let David Martinez of my staff know.

I will keep you informed of further developments.

Sincerely,



John Tower

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Enclosure