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Dr. Hector P. Garcia, M.D.
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Dear Hector:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your resolution opposing the appointments by Governor Clements to the University of Texas System Board of Regents.

As you know by now, one of the men appointed by Governor Clements to be on the University of Texas Systems Board of Regents, Chester Upham Jr. of Mineral Wells, withdrew from consideration and was quickly replaced by Mario Ramirez, a Rio Grande City physician with long-established ties to UT-Austin and other system schools. Ramirez and the other nominees--Houston accountant Robert Cruikshank and former U.S. Representative Tom Loeffler of Mason--were confirmed by the Senate Nominations Committee in mid-February.

Though the controversy is now over, I wanted to let you know that I share your concerns about minority representation on university governing boards. Increasing Hispanic and Black representation on the boards is included in a new five year university desegregation plan being developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that I strongly support. I believe that there should be more minorities and women on university governing boards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Hobby". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.