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Dr. Hector P. Garcia
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1315 Bright Street
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the designation of English as our nation's official language. I have cosponsored legislation which expresses the sense of the Congress that the English language is the official language of the United States.

This country has been committed traditionally to the use of English as the national language. With this goal in mind, settlers, immigrants and refugees have worked hard to integrate into their new country by learning English.

California law abides by the 1974 U.S. Supreme Court Lau v Nichols decision in that our schools and local and state government offer all citizens equal access to government services. However, the ultimate goal of that ruling is to enable all citizens to participate in the economic mainstream of this nation, and that does include the ability to utilize the language spoken by the majority of Americans.

Once again, thank you for your interest on this important issue. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,



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