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The Honorable Ken Salazar
United States Senator
702 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Salazar:

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, the nation's leading organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, strongly supports S.500 the Latino Museum Commission Act, a bipartisan bill that you have introduced along with your colleagues Sen. Mel Martinez (R-FL) and Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ), to establish and fund a federal commission to explore the viability of creating the "National Museum of the American Latino" in Washington, DC.

The addition of a National Museum of the American Latino in such a prominent location would serve to promote the contributions to the United States and would become a historic milestone for the Latino community. As you know, the museums in the National Mall reflect the history, culture, and achievements of the people of the United States. Thus, it is only fitting that the contributions made in every sector of our society by Americans of Latino descent be included on the Mall in order to accurately portray the story of this great country, to both visitors from the United States and the entire world. Immediate passage of S.500 is a critical and positive first step to completing the story that is the Great American Experience.

Sincerely,

Arturo Vargas
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Cc: Latino Members of Congress

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