

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 29, 2007

The Honorable Norman Dicks
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Todd Tiahrt
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment
and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Senate Appropriations Committee
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Larry Craig
Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
and Related Agencies
Senate Appropriations Committee
123 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

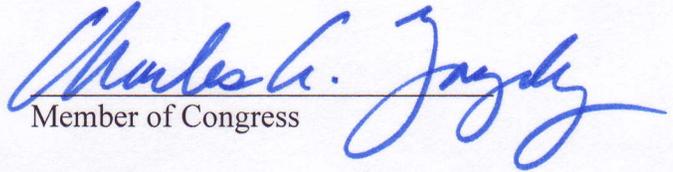
As Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), we write to request funding for the following for Fiscal Year 2008, which falls under your Subcommittee's jurisdiction.

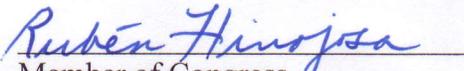
- **Funding for the National American Latino Museum Commission Act (H.R. 512/S.500 in the 110th Congress).** H.R. 512 passed in the House on February 6, 2007 and has been introduced in the Senate as S.500. This CHC-endorsed bill would create a 23-member bipartisan commission to study the feasibility of and plan for a new national museum in the nation's capital that is dedicated to portraying the art, history, and culture of the Latino population of the United States. Last year, the CHC sent letters to senior leaders and chairs and ranking members of relevant committees on March 14, 2006 and September 28, 2006, requesting funding support for this act. Upon passage of S. 500, we will once again urge Congress to take the necessary steps to ensure the appropriate funding of the commission to study and plan for a potential museum in Washington, D.C. dedicated to the arts, history, and culture of American Latinos. The legislation authorizes appropriations for carrying out the activities of the Commission, \$2,100,000 for the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this act and \$1,100,000 for the second fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this act.

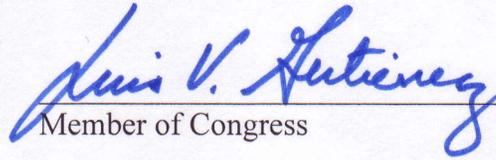
We appreciate your consideration of our request to support this program of importance to the Hispanic community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

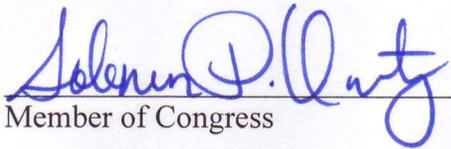
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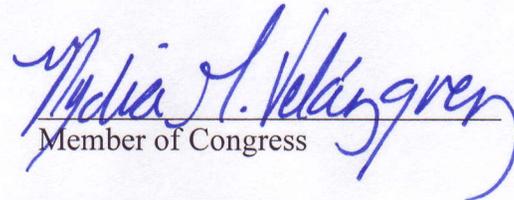

Joe Baca
Chair
Congressional Hispanic Caucus

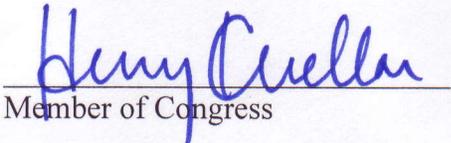

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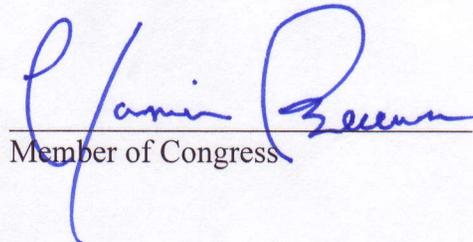

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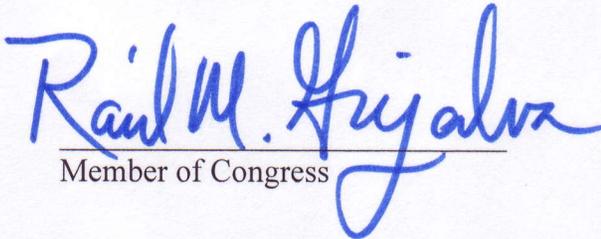

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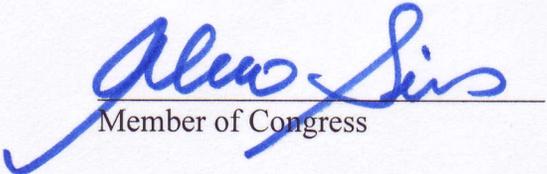

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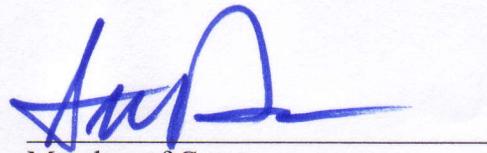

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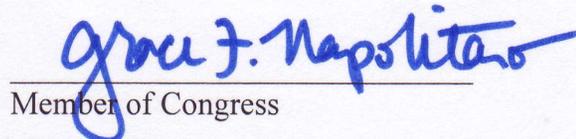

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