

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 19, 2013

Mrs. Michelle Obama
First Lady of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20502-0184

Dear Mrs. Obama:

We write to respectfully encourage you to attend the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials' (NALEO) 31st Annual Conference, which will be held in San Diego, California in June 2014. Given your work, together with Dr. Jill Biden, to draw attention to the tremendous sacrifices made by the members of our armed forces and their families, we would be extremely grateful if you would consider NALEO's invitation to address its membership as the organization honors our brave Latino service men and women, and Latino veterans.

160,000 Latinos are currently serving in our nation's armed forces while a total of 1.2 million Latinos are veterans of the U.S. military. NALEO and its members are immensely proud of their service. They have selflessly defended our values and our democracy around the world and they deserve our heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks. As the largest gathering of Latino elected and appointed officials in the United States, we believe the NALEO Annual Conference is the perfect setting to honor the service and self-sacrifice of these courageous Americans.

Through the ground-breaking *Joining Forces* initiative, you have brought much needed attention to the unique needs and contributions of America's military families. Your tireless efforts have also helped to connect veterans, including Latinos, to new resources and opportunities which will enable them to continue to give back to our communities and our country. Because of your outstanding work on behalf of this important cause, we can think of no one better to address NALEO's celebration of Latinos in uniform and Latino veterans.

Thank you for considering our request and for all you do for our veterans, our men and women in uniform, our military families and our nation.

Sincerely,


LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD
Member of Congress


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Member of Congress



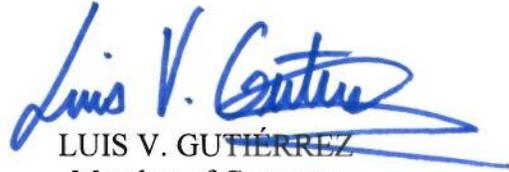
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