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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Honorable Elliot L. Richardson
Secretary of Health, Education
and Welfare
Washington, D. C. 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Spanish-speaking women in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare met Friday, February 18, 1972, to discuss and respond to the HEW Womens' Action Program Report.

We are aware of your efforts to improve the Department's response to the Spanish-speaking population in our country, a large, deprived minority group so long ignored and neglected. We want to call your attention to the fact that half or that neglected population are women. The false cultural stereotype notions perpetuated by society about Spanish-speaking women being uninvolved and indifferent toward solving current sex discrimination problems has deprived society and the Spanish-speaking community of a talent reservoir so greatly needed for resolving our current social problems.

To assist the Department in resolving some of the above-mentioned problems, HEW Spanish-speaking women employees have organized into a special concerns group and elected a Spanish-speaking woman from each HEW agency, plus a chairwoman, to join the HEW Womens' Program Council. Through this channel we can best coordinate Spanish-speaking women recommendations with each HEW Federal Womens' Program and other HEW program efforts.

Since our group has had a late start, we will not be able to submit our recommendations until March 15th. We hope this will meet with your approval.

Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to respond to the HEW Womens' Action Program Report.

Respectfully,

Lupe Anguiano

Lupe Anguiano, Chairwoman
Spanish-Speaking Womens'
Concerns Group