



February 12, 2014

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
724 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: S. 1174

Dear Senator Blumenthal :

We strongly agree with you that the selfless sacrifices of the 65th Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, our nation's last segregated unit composed of Hispanic soldiers, should be honored, just as we have honored the great contributions of Tuskegee Airmen and the Navajo Code Talkers. AARP supports your legislation to mint a single gold medal of appropriate design in honor of the 65th Infantry Regiment "Borinqueneers".

Their courage and contributions in defense of our country and way of life, all while suffering humiliating discrimination and prejudice, should not go unrecognized any longer. AARP is honored to lend our support to S. 1174.

As you move forward with this legislation, please let us know if we can provide additional assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce A. Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce A. Rogers
Senior Vice President
Government Affairs