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Dear _____, (Congressional Official Name)

I am writing to request that you **Co-Sponsor Bill # H.R. 1726 (or Senate Companion Bill S. 1174)** which requests the **Congressional Gold Medal (CGM)** for the veterans of the 65th Infantry Regiment (also known as “**The Borinqueneers**”) originally based in the island of Puerto Rico.

Bill # H.R. 1726 was introduced on April 25th by Rep. Pedro Pierluisi (D-Commissioner of Puerto Rico) and Rep. Bill Posey (R-Central Eastern FL).

Please check out the following website for more information: www.65thCGM.org

As mandated by an Act of Congress on March 2, 1899, the 65th Infantry Regiment was the only Hispanic-segregated active-duty unit in the **U.S. Armed Forces** that played a prominent role in our American military history participating in three U.S. wars. Of all the honors Congress can bestow, the awarding of a Congressional Gold Medal is often considered the most distinguished.

The CGM has been bestowed to other minority veterans who served in segregated units, including:

- July 26, 2001 – the Navajo Code Talkers
- March 29, 2007 –the African-American Tuskegee Airmen
- May 26, 2012 - the Japanese-American Nisei
- June 28, 2012 - the African-American Montford Point Marines

It would be an honor for the 65th Infantry “Borinqueneers” to be added to this list. I feel that bestowing the CGM to the Borinqueneers would be a fitting way to honor them as American heroes who served their country with distinction and fought bravely while enduring the hardships of segregation and discrimination. Even more so, **let’s HONOR THEM WHILE THEY ARE STILL ALIVE.**

Again, I urgently plea you to co-sponsor H.R. 1726 (or S. 1174) in support of a Congressional Gold Medal, on behalf of Congress, to be awarded to the Hispanic Veterans who served courageously in the U.S. 65th Infantry Regiment.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Name: