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House Leader Nancy Pelosi
The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader Pelosi:

We thank you for your leadership in support of critical social insurance programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. These programs benefit all Americans, including the one in six Americans of Latino descent. You are a true champion for the Latino community.

The Latinos for a Secure Retirement coalition brings together some of the strongest and most prominent advocates for Latinos in the country including the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), The Hispanic Federation, the National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA), MANA- A National Latina Organization, SER- Jobs for Progress National, Inc., the Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly, the American GI Forum and the National Association for Hispanic Elderly.

We are writing to urge you to appoint a Latino to the “super committee” created as part of the deal to raise the debt ceiling. The super committee will have unprecedented power on programs crucial to nearly 50 million Latino-Americans. With 9 of the 12 super committee members already named, there is not yet a single Latino appointed. It is important that your picks bring diversity and a unique perspective to these deliberations.

Rep. Xavier Becerra and Rep. Raul Grijalva are strong defenders for programs critical to hard working Americans and would make great choices to represent the Latino community on the committee. Rep. Becerra has served on the Simpson-Bowles commission and is a member of your Democratic leadership team. Rep. Grijalva is the co-chair of the Progressive Caucus, which earlier this year released a budget proposal that would eliminate the deficit while still protecting valuable programs.

Thank you for considering our views. We hope you continue to be an advocate for our community and appoint a Latino to the super committee. For further information your staff can contact Jeff Cruz, Executive Director, at latinosforasecureretirement@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cruz
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