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Mr. Barrera:

I want to acknowledge that you have a special place among our great Texas attorneys for your efforts in fighting for the rights of children and the elderly regarding unjust involuntary commitments into mental health facilities. I want to both thank you and encourage you to continue your pro-bono legal services for the needy, the weak, and the underrepresented.

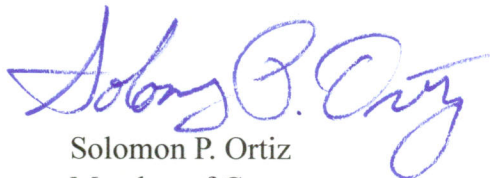
We need more attorneys in our state that practice under the principles you keep close to your heart. Also, The Barrera Law Firm is deeply appreciated for its charitable work in the poverty-stricken areas of our state.

I recall your service as Student Body President at Texas A&M University- Kingsville, your internship in my office on Capitol Hill, your internship at the State Capitol in Austin, and your service as Mountain Region Representative of the National Latino Law Student Association while at the Texas Tech School of law. There is no doubt in my mind about your caring nature. While in law school, your National Championship in moot court provides me a similar prediction of your future success as a lawyer.

I wish you all the best in your endeavors as an attorney, as a leader in the field of law, and as a humanitarian for the rights of the oppressed.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Solomon P. Ortiz  
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