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The Honorable Mitt Romney
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March 12, 2012

Dear Mr. Romney:

In preparation for your upcoming visit to Puerto Rico this week, I am writing to urge you to declare that English should be the sole official language should Puerto Rico choose to be admitted as a state in the United States of America.


As you know, the issue of Puerto Rico statehood has long been debated, and over the years, Congress and the people of Puerto Rico have considered a change in Puerto Rico's political status, only to ultimately leave it to remain a commonwealth. In this capacity, Puerto Rico has remained an unincorporated territory under the jurisdiction of the United States government, allowing it to maintain its own Olympic team, send candidates to international beauty pageants, and most significantly, experience the cultural independence needed to allow the territory to protect its own language and cultural identity.

In November, Puerto Ricans will once again hold a plebiscite, which will determine if a majority of people want to continue as a commonwealth, declare themselves independent, or elect to become a state. The decision is ultimately in the hands of the citizens of Puerto Rico; however, I am sure you will agree that the people of Puerto Rico have a right to know what the expectations are, should they choose statehood.

Puerto Rico has had its own language and culture long before becoming part of the United States. More than 95 percent of Puerto Rico's population speaks Spanish, and fewer than 20 percent of Puerto Ricans are proficient in English. In California, the state with the lowest English proficiency rate, about 80 percent of residents are proficient in English—greatly surpassing Puerto Rico's rate.

America is a melting pot, and we are proud to be called home by people of a variety of backgrounds, who speak a variety of languages. But in America, the one common thread that ties us all together is the English language. Should Puerto Rico choose to become a state, English should be its only official language, and schooling at all levels should be only in the English language, with the exception of foreign language instruction. I hope you share this belief, and I urge you to share your support as you visit the territory in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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