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Chairman Gary Marks
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
801 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Chairman Marks,

As you gather on Tuesday to review and discuss designs for the 65th Infantry Regiment Congressional Gold Medal, we are reminded of the importance of honoring these "Borinqueneers." Over one year ago, President Barack Obama signed the legislation awarding them the medal, and I thank you for your efforts in working to make this tribute possible. The Borinqueneers served our country through World War I, World War II and the Korean War with great courage and distinction. It is only right that we recognize these heroes with our country's highest expression of national appreciation.

We must also remember the importance of moving quickly with the process while ensuring we create a quality product. Given the age of these veterans, time is truly of the essence. Sadly, several Borinqueneers have passed away since the bill's signing, without ever having received the honor they earned during their lifetime. It is imperative that we act with urgency and do everything in our power to ensure that the remaining Borinqueneers receive their Congressional Gold Medals as soon as possible.

I hope this meeting is a great success, and I would like to thank all those who have helped with the medal: the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, the Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Design Liaison Team, as well as the engaged stakeholders. I was proud to play a role in making this long overdue tribute a reality, and together we can finally complete the last step of the process to honor our Borinqueneers.

Sincerely,

Marco Rubio
United States Senator