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Ambassador Eduardo Medina Mora
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Dear Ambassador Medina Mora:

Wisconsin is experiencing a growing Hispanic population and with that comes a demand for consular services. I write to ask that you consider opening a Mexican Consulate office in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin is currently served by the Consul General of Mexico in Chicago, which also serves Illinois and Indiana. As a result, the Chicago Consulate office is servicing a population of well over three million and is overwhelmed with processing documents.

Consul General Macias has stated publicly at a meeting in Milwaukee that he supports the effort to establish a consulate in Wisconsin. At this same meeting, the Consul General said that the Chicago office has a two month backlog for any Mexican national seeking documents.

Wisconsin's Hispanic population is growing rapidly in the state and is now estimated by the Census Bureau to be 6.2% or 355,468 residents in 2012. This sector is growing in nearly all of Wisconsin's 72 counties, and Milwaukee County's Latino population now makes up 13.9% of the county population.

I understand that for a number of years the Consulate in Chicago has visited Wisconsin through its mobile consulate. They have gone to a number of cities in the past such as Sheboygan, Madison, Appleton, Janesville, Beloit, and Milwaukee. This mobile service is greatly appreciated, but the fact that the Consulate in Chicago has recognized the growing demand for their services and has developed a mobile consulate demonstrates the need for another consulate in the Midwest.

Wisconsin has built a tremendous relationship with Mexico over the years. We have been a sister-state with Jalisco for 23 years. Mexico was a key part of our record exports in 2012 in being our 2nd largest export market with $2.2 billion in products being sent to your country. Our Hispanic-owned businesses are growing at a rate of 7.6% year over year accounting for $2.4 billion in sales and employing nearly 11,000 people. A consulate office in Wisconsin would help continue this pattern of economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker
Governor