

395 W. 4th St.
Diblog, California
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Senator Nelson,

For openers I will introduce myself. I am an employee of the E.O.C. under the Nelson Amendment. My past employment record includes a lot of seasonal work even though I'm only 22, and need only one semester for a high school diploma.

The Nelson Program has provided me with steady employment during the months in which I more than likely would have been on unemployment. Far more important though is the fact that in this program, I have met people who can make it possible for me to obtain employment with the city, county, or in some kind of industry.

Here's in Diblog there's twelve of us in the program. Six or seven of us don't read or write or speak very much English because of the lack of school. Nonetheless they are very skilled with their hands, and they have proved to their superiors that they are talented and dependable workers. As a result they stand a good chance to get good steady employment with this reference. Without this chance - the Nelson Program - they would be unemployed, on welfare or unemployment, with their future hopeless, and their skills unnoticed and down the drain. That's the way it is with people without education, and with no knowledge of English. Those are the people who desperately need this kind of chance, so they can in turn give their offspring the education they never got.

Sincerely,
Eduardo Rodriguez

Abril 1967.

Señor Senador Jay Lord Nelson

Yo estoy muy agradecido
de su trabajo que me dio por que
estoy trabajando muy hagueto y estoy
dispuesto hacer todo lo que usted
me ordena y si lo puedo hacer
con mucho gusto estoy a su disposición

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