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MEMBER OF CONGRESS

PUERTO RICO, AT LARGE

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Dear students:

A National Student/Parent Mock Election sponsored by Fundacion Ramon Barquin and Instituto de Formación Democrática is going to be held in Puerto Rico. This mock election is the nation's largest voter education project, designed to increase political participation among young people. It will be held on November 1, 2012 in your school and online at www.LaJuventudHabra.com and www.NationalMockElection.org, where students will vote for all elected positions, including the Presidency and the Puerto Rico Political Status Plebiscite. Students will also have the opportunity to debate issues that matter to them in an Issues Forum.

This civic education program strengthens the values and freedoms we embrace as a Nation. The forum presents a great opportunity for students to discuss the most pressing issues of the day with their peers, to exchange ideas, and to learn from one another. The mock election allows students to get involved in the electoral process and speak out. The process empowers and lays the foundation to integrate the school community with candidates and elected leaders, modeling for a new generation of Americans the values and ideals of the founding fathers as free men and women, speaking freely on the issues of their own time, but with courtesy and concern for their fellow Americans and for generations to come.

Don't miss this critical opportunity for your students and teachers to participate in the upcoming Mock Election. You can register your school online at www.mockelectionpr.com and www.nationalmockelection.org. In addition, you can learn more current affairs and election issues by visiting www.lajuventudhabla.com. With your help, Puerto Rico will again have the largest amount of participants amongst all states and territories of the United States.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve and strengthen our Nation's democratic ideals.

Sincerely,

Pedro R. Pierluisi
Member of Congress