January 24, 2006

Dear Student:

As Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI), I am delighted to invite you to apply for the 2006 Ford Motor Company CHLI Leadership Program. Please take a moment to consider participating in one of the most promising summer internship programs available to young Americans of Hispanic and Portuguese descent.

The Ford Motor Company CHLI Leadership Program offers a unique internship experience for students to develop their personal, educational, and leadership skills. This exciting six-week internship program offers invaluable exposure to the inner workings of the United States Congress, the Federal Government and Washington, DC-based think tanks and international institutions.

Eight students from the states of California, Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico will be selected and placed with Members of Congress who share the aspirations and goals of the Institute.

CHLI is a 501 (C) (3) not-for-profit and non-partisan organization dedicated to creating a broader awareness of the diversity of thought, heritage, interests and views of Americans of Hispanic and Portuguese descent. The establishment of CHLI serves as a strong testament to the vibrant growth and increasingly important role of our nation’s largest minority community.

In creating new opportunities, CHLI serves our youth, families, communities and the nation as a whole by offering a new vision of the American dream based on the virtues of self-reliance, entrepreneurship, and faith.

As future leaders of our community, I encourage you to seriously consider the Ford Motor Company CHLI Leadership Program. Please visit our website at www.chli.org to download an application. You are assured an unforgettable and rewarding experience that will enhance your academic, personal and professional development. I look forward to personally welcoming you this summer.

Cordially,

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Hon. Lincoln Díaz-Balart
Chairman