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Mr. Jacob Lozada, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Lozada:

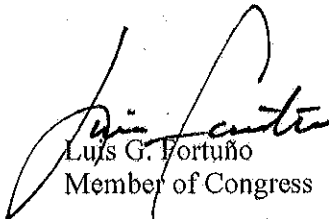
As the sole representative in Congress of the nearly 4 million U.S. citizens residing in Puerto Rico, I want to congratulate the Association of University of Puerto Rico Alumni and Friends Abroad (UPRAA) on its Fourth Annual Coquí Classic Golf Tournament and Fiesta, which will raise money for the Dr. Manuel A. Febo Scholarship Fund. Events such as the Coquí Classic clearly demonstrate UPRAA's devotion to our community in the mainland United States and Puerto Rico. Such events also highlight UPRAA's firm commitment to public service and youth empowerment.

UPRAA scholarship programs enhance educational opportunities for an outstanding group of young people who have demonstrated exceptional academic merit, commitment to public service, and financial need. In addition, UPRAA's cultural and networking events celebrate the rich culture and many achievements of the Puerto Rican people and serve as a gathering place for members of our community living in the mainland United States.

I heartily commend UPRAA for the \$23,000 in scholarships it has awarded to well-deserving medical students in Puerto Rico. Each of these students has dreams of becoming a physician who will serve the Island, and UPRAA's scholarships have helped make their dreams a reality.

I am certain that the Coquí Classic will be a great success and I look forward to working with you to address the many and complex issues affecting our community, to expand opportunities for students in Puerto Rico, and to share the Island's vibrant culture with our fellow citizens on the mainland.

Sincerely,


Luis G. Fortuño
Member of Congress