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Dear Dr. Lankao:

Congratulations! The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) is proud to honor you as one of the recipients of our Latina Leader Award in science. Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32) and CHCI have joined forces to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding Latinas in their respective professional arenas and their impact on the Latino community.

This year, we will recognize Latinas that have excelled in the areas of science, media, cultural arts, sports, leadership and environmental justice. Your notable contributions in the area of science have not only helped the advancement of the Latino community, they have also served as an inspiration to countless young people who look up to you as a role model.

Through your professional life, you have demonstrated to other Latinos and Latinas that anything is possible. We need more outstanding Latinas like you to be acknowledged for their remarkable and astounding contributions to the enrichment of the Latino community.

We invite you to participate in our Latina Leaders Celebration as part of our Hispanic Heritage Month events, where you will be presented with your Latina Leader Award. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. Please respond to confirm your attendance to Nicole Castillo, Manager of Strategic Alliances and Events, at (202) 548-5865.

Once again, congratulations and we look forward to your participation in our Latina Leaders Celebration.

Sincerely,



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