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**Coalición Latinos Unidos de Lake County**

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January 16, 2013

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

As President of the Coalición Latinos Unidos de Lake County, I would like to offer our support for Vista Health System's proposed hospital in Lindenhurst. Recent evidence suggests that disparities in healthcare, particularly for African-Americans and Latinos, not only impede an individual's chances for success, but have a direct relationship to a family's ability to become self-sufficient, creating a breakdown in the economic, social, emotional, and educational protective factors. We believe that access to health services is a key component of comprehensive health care.

Coalición Latinos Unidos de Lake County supports this project as it strives to improve the quality of life and increase accessibility of services for Latinos. This increased access to life-saving health care is something the community not only wants, but also needs.

We agree with the need and benefits of programming in this area. Although there are several requests for us to support many worthy causes, we want to express our full support for the Vista Health System's proposed hospital. It will serve the needs of the Latino community throughout the Lake County.

Please feel free to contact me at 847-338-3745 if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rosiles  
President  
Coalición Latinos Unidos de Lake County