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Ms Hills: Please accept the attached two letters from the Honorable Illinois Representative Edward Acevedo, and Mr. Bruce E. Miller, CEO of Lawndale Christian Health Center as public comments in support of the above subject project. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks.

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September 6, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie

Chairman, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am pleased to support the proposed dialysis center that Saint Anthony Hospital wishes to establish in Little Village.

Saint Anthony Hospital, a nonprofit community safety-net hospital, plans to create this center ensuring continued access to dialysis services for our community as well as improve access to life-sustaining dialysis treatment with the highest level of care. I eagerly support the opening of a dialysis center by a nonprofit organization that has been so deeply rooted in providing care to its community for the last century. Their continued commitment to their diverse population of patients, many of whom suffer from chronic disease and end stage renal disease (ESRD), is unparalleled, which is why we support the dialysis center.

There are nearly 115,000 residents in the North and South Lawndale communities, according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Nine in 10 residents of North Lawndale are African American; 8 in 10 residents of South Lawndale are Latino. These are the primary patients served by Saint Anthony Hospital. In addition, African Americans and Hispanics are at an increased risk of ESRD compared to the general population due to the higher prevalence of diabetes, high blood pressure, and other disorders in these minority communities.

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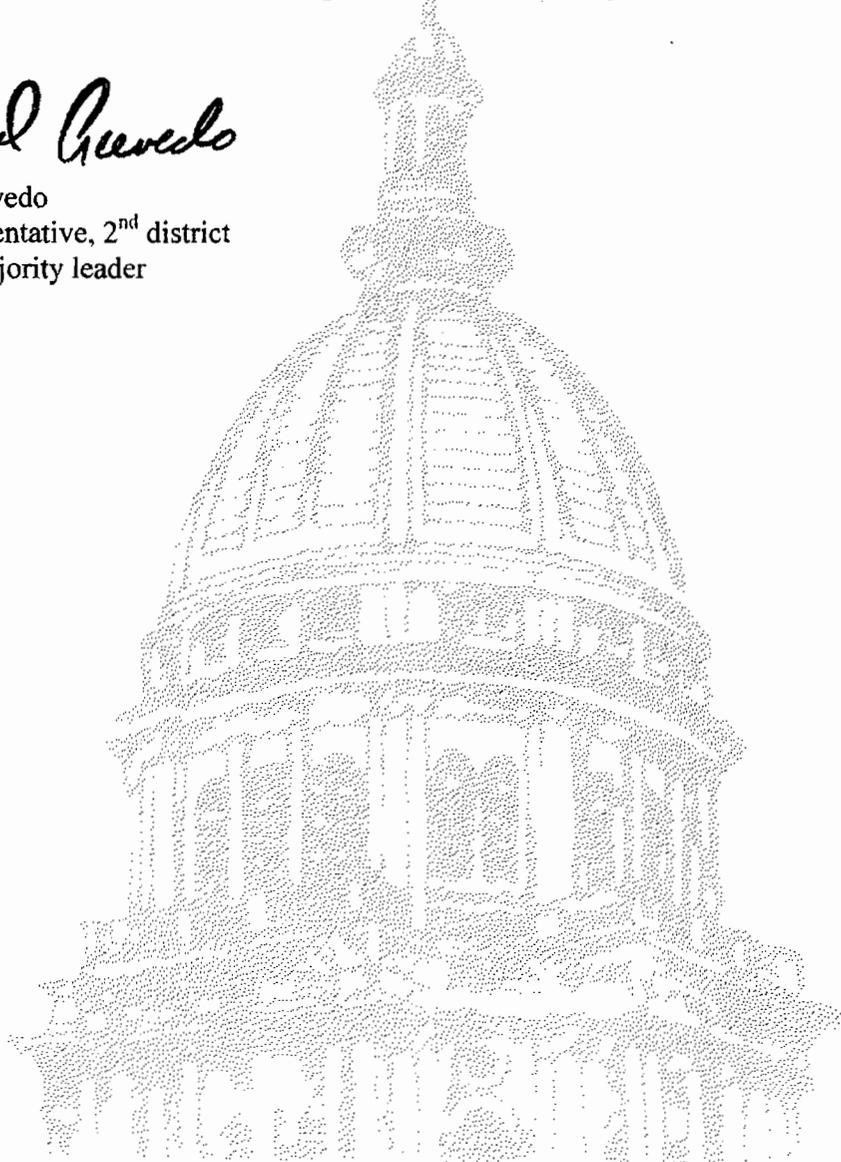
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Given the growing demand in the area, the establishment of the dialysis center in Little Village is necessary to continue providing vital services for our community. There are many hardships for dialysis patients and there is no reason that they should be deprived from scheduling dialysis around their lives, rather than scheduling their lives around dialysis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Acevedo".

Edward Acevedo
State Representative, 2nd district
Assistant Majority leader





September 4, 2012

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Bruce E Miller, CEO