

Constantino, Mike

From: Kara Friedman [KFriedman@Polsinelli.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 7:30 PM
To: Constantino, Mike
Cc: Anne Cooper
Subject: Hispanic American Endoscopy Center Letter of Support (10-88)
Attachments: Dr.RamonGarcia_LetterofSupport.pdf

Mike,

Attached is another support letter for the above-referenced project. Did you receive the letter Anne sent earlier today?

Thanks,
Kara

From: RAMON GARCIA [mailto:RGARCIAMD@AOL.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 7:16 PM
To: Kara Friedman
Subject:

From: Vallecillos, Berenice [mailto:BVallecillos@senatedem.ilga.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Ramon G
Subject: RE:

Hello Dr. Garcia,

I have attached the signed letter of support. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Berenice Vallecillos
Illinois Senate Democratic Caucus
Legislative Assistant to Senator Delgado
119B State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706
P: 217-782-5652
F: 217-557-3930

This electronic mail message contains CONFIDENTIAL information which is (a) ATTORNEY - CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION, WORK PRODUCT, PROPRIETARY IN NATURE, OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED BY LAW FROM DISCLOSURE, and (b) intended only for the use of the Addressee(s) named herein. If you are not an Addressee, or the person responsible for delivering this to an Addressee, you are hereby notified that reading, copying, or distributing this message is prohibited. If you have received this electronic mail message in error, please reply to the sender and take the steps necessary to delete the message completely from your computer system.

IRS CIRCULAR 230 DISCLOSURE: Unless expressly stated otherwise, any U.S. federal tax advice contained in this e-mail, including attachments, is not intended or written by Polsinelli Shughart PC to be used, and any such tax advice cannot be used, for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed by the Internal Revenue Service.

CHAIRPERSON
• PUBLIC HEALTH

VICE-CHAIRPERSON
• CONSUMER PROTECTION

MEMBER
• APPROPRIATIONS I
• EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS
• HUMAN SERVICES



CAPITOL OFFICE:
ROOM 119B STATE CAPITOL
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706
PHONE: 217/782-5652
FAX: 217/557-3930

DISTRICT OFFICES:
4150 W. ARMITAGE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60639
PHONE: 773/292-0202
FAX: 773/292-1903

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE
WILLIAM DELGADO
STATE SENATOR · 2ND DISTRICT

Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Proj. No. 10-088-Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center

Dear Mr. Galassie:

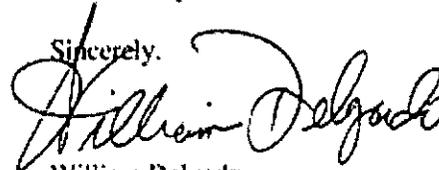
March 1, 2011

I am writing to express my support for Dr. Ramon Garcia and the proposed addition of urological surgical procedures at Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center. Through his medical practice, Garcia Medical Center, and Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center, Dr. Garcia has been a leader in providing health care services to the Latino community in Chicago for over 20 years. This project will improve access to much needed screening and diagnostic services to the Latino community. I fully support Dr. Garcia's proposal to add urological surgical procedures to Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center.

According to the 2009 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 27% of the population of the City of Chicago is Latino. The Latino community often faces cultural barriers to accessing adequate health care services. This population is not properly educated on the risks of certain medical conditions and many conditions go undetected until they become critical, requiring immediate medical attention. As a result, Latinos generally have poorer health outcomes compared to the broader population, experiencing higher rates of illness and death attributed to heart disease, stroke, cancer, and overweight and obesity. While outcomes for many of these conditions can be mitigated through routine screening and early detection, there are a limited number of good options available to the Spanish-speaking population. Some Chicago providers attempt to address cultural and language barriers, however, Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center is unlike other providers because it is wholly-managed by Latinos and uniquely positioned to meet the health care needs of the Latino community in Chicago.

Dr. Garcia has been a leading provider of health care services to the Latino community in Chicago. Adding urological surgical procedures at Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center will improve access to much needed health care to the Latino community.

I respectfully request the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Project No. 10-088, the addition of urological surgical procedures at Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center.

Sincerely,

William Delgado
State Senator, 2nd District