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January 26, 2009

The Honorable Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House  
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Dear Speaker Straus:

The Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 42, requires the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to report annually on the activities of the Kidney Health Care (KHC) Program. The report covers the activities, expenditures, and accomplishments of the KHC Program for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2008. The report is available on the DSHS website at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/kidney/reports.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/kidney/reports.shtm).

The KHC Program has provided services to Texans diagnosed with end-stage renal disease since September 1973. During these 35 years, over 96,000 individuals diagnosed with this chronic disease have been approved for program benefits. The KHC Program provides benefits for access surgery, dialysis treatments, hospitalization, drugs, premium payment assistance, and transportation services. The Purchased Health Services Unit of the DSHS administers this program.

For more information about the program, please have a member of your staff contact Carol Labaj, Purchased Health Services Unit, at 512/458-7111, ext. 3104 or toll-free at 1-800-222-3986, or e-mail [carol.labaj@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:carol.labaj@dshs.state.tx.us).

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The Honorable Rick Perry  
Governor's Office  
Post Office Box 12428  
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The Honorable David Dewhurst  
Lieutenant Governor  
Post Office Box 12068  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Lt. Governor Dewhurst:

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