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February 29, 2013

The Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker, House of Representatives
Post Office Box 2910
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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, 2012. The report is available on the DSHS website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/kidney/reports.shtm.

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Carol Labaj of the Purchased Health Services Unit is the DSHS staff member most involved in this program. She can be contacted at 512/776-3104, or via e-mail carol.labaj@dshs.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Ursula Parks
Director
Legislative Budget Board
Post Office Box 21666
Austin, Texas 78711-2666

Dear Ms. Parks:

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The Honorable David Dewhurst
Lieutenant Governor
Post Office Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Lt. Governor Dewhurst:

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Mr. Jonathan Hurst
Director
Governor's Office of Budget, Planning, and Policy
Post Office Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Hurst:

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