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April 7, 2010

The Honorable Laura Hinojosa
Hidalgo County District Clerk
100 North Closner
P.O. Box 87
Edinburg, Texas 78539

Dear Ms. Hinojosa:

I am writing to provide your office with legislative intent on an amendment that I authored in 2003 and that was passed into law by the 78th Texas Legislature.

In 2003, I amended HB 2292 to allow a commissioners court of a county to adopt a "family protection fee." That amendment created Section 51.961, Government Code. Subsection (e) of that section allows for a provider to provide for a variety of services related to domestic violence.

I want to make clear that my intention in passing this legislation was to allow for a provider of the type of services listed in Subsection (e), Section 51.961, Government Code, to be located within county government, including a department within a county.

I hope that is letter fully clarifies any issue relating to this legislation. But if you are in need of further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J-J. Hinojosa".

Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa

cc: Ray Eufrazio, Hidalgo County Auditor