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Honorable Don A. Gattis County Judge Williamson County, Texas 710 Main Street, Suite 101 Georgetown, Texas 78626

Re: <u>Commissioners Court Agenda Request May 19 or May 25, 2010</u>: Request for Approval of Hospital Revenue Bonds for the Benefit of Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Scott, Sherwood and Brindley Foundation

Dear Judge Gattis:

This letter is to request your approval of the issuance by Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation (the "Issuer") of its Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (the "Series 2010 Bonds") to be issued for the benefit of Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Scott, Sherwood and Brindley Foundation (the "Hospital") in connection with the financing or refinancing of a portion of the Hospital's health care facilities located in Georgetown, Cedar Park and Round Rock in Williamson County.

Your approval of the issuance of the Series 2010 Bonds is required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") in order for the interest on such Bonds to be exempt from federal income taxation. Your approval in no way creates an obligation or liability for Williamson County. (The requested approval is similar to the approval given in July 2008 with respect to the Hospital's refinancing of certain of its facilities located in the County).

The Code requires that the Series 2010 Bonds and the facilities financed or refinanced by such Bonds be approved by the "highest elected representative" of the county in which any portion of the financed health care facilities is located. Such approval must be given after publication of notice and the holding of a public hearing regarding the issuance of such Bonds and the facilities to be financed or refinanced. The Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Austin American-Statesman on April 29, 2010, and the public hearing is scheduled to be held Thursday, May 13, 2010. A copy of the Affidavit of Publication is

enclosed as an attachment to the proposed Minutes and Certification of Public Hearing which will be executed and forwarded to you following the hearing on May 13, 2010.

On behalf of the Hospital, we are requesting your approval of the issuance of the Series 2010 Bonds and the financing or refinancing of the facilities <u>solely</u> for the purpose of complying with the public approval requirements of Code. Enclosed for your signature is the Approval of Applicable Elected Representative of Williamson County (the "Approval") to be executed on or after <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 13, 2010</u>, upon your receipt of the executed Minutes and Certification of the Public Hearing.

While it is <u>not</u> required by the Code that the Commissioners Court take official action to authorize your execution of the Approval, if such official action is desired, enclosed is a resolution the Court may consider for such purpose. Because the Series 2010 Bonds are to be funded in early June, we request that the resolution be included in the <u>Court's May 19 or May 25 agenda</u>.

We respectfully request your execution of the Approval be faxed or emailed to us not later than <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 26</u> and the originals returned to us not later than <u>Friday</u>, <u>May 28</u>, <u>2010</u>.

Your assistance in the approval of the issuance of the Bonds is most appreciated by our client, Scott and White Memorial Hospital. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there should be any question concerning this approval process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dava Poli Paralegal

Enclosures