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Dear Honorable Cornyn:

I would like to respectfully request an Attorney General's Opinion on the following matter. Approximately 18 months ago, residents of the Garza County Hospital District began questioning the need for the Hospital District if there was no longer a Hospital being operated. This complaint came about after the Hospital District Board of Directors made the decision to close the hospital, and contract with Methodist Hospital for the operation of a clinic located in the Hospital District facilities. Citizens felt that the Hospital District, if not providing hospital care, did not have the right or authority to tax the citizens for the services not provided. Much discussion has taken place on this topic, including public hearings. It was determined that the enabling legislation did have provisions, nor did the statutes of the State of Texas, for dissolution of this district.

I have enclosed some of the questions that have been brought up from the editor of the local paper and how the Hospital Board answered some of the questions. I would appreciate your help on this matter. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact my office at 3-0480.

Sincerely,

David Counts

David Counts  
 State Representative