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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

**PAT QUINN**  
GOVERNOR



as of 11:00 am

April 28, 2009

Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg  
Representative Richard Myers  
Co-Chairs,  
Commission on Governmental Forecasting and Accountability  
State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Senator Schoenberg and Representative Myers:

I would like to respectfully request that the Commission on Governmental Forecasting and Accountability extend the timeline on its decision regarding the Howe Developmental Facility. Next week, I will be retaining Ann Shannon to help me complete my assessment of the Howe facility. As a parent of a son with a developmental disability and as former Executive Director of an advocacy group for persons with developmental disabilities, Ann has an extensive background in understanding the issues at hand.

Extending the timeline for this decision will allow me the ability to complete my assessment in an objective manner and to arrive at a decision that benefits everyone involved. With Ann Shannon's assistance, I will complete my assessment in a manner that keeps resident choice at the forefront.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn".

Patrick Quinn  
Governor

Motion by: Syverson

**MOTION made to:**  
**Grant Governor a 30-day extension**  
**HOWE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER**  
Tuesday, April 28, 2009 - 11:00 a.m. - Room D-1, Stratton Office Bldg.

Commission Member	YES	NO
Representative Patricia Bellock (R)		✓
Senator Bill Brady (R)		✓
Senator Michael Frerichs (D)	✓	
Representative Kevin McCarthy (D)	✓	
Senator Matt Murphy (R)		✓
Representative Richard Myers (R)		✓
Representative Elaine Nekritz (D)		✓
Representative Raymond Poe (R)	✓	
Representative Kathleen Ryg (D)		✓
Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg (D)	✓	
Senator David Syverson (R)	✓	
Senator Donne Trotter (D)	✓	
<b>VOTE: Motion</b>	6	6

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Motion Fails

*Motion 1A*

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FOR CLOSURE OF  
HOWE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER**

Pursuant to the State Facility Closure Act (30 ILCS 608), after hearing testimony regarding the proposed closure of Howe Developmental Center in Tinley Park, Illinois, **I move that the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability accept the recommendation for closure submitted by the Illinois Department of Human Services regarding Howe Developmental Center.** Furthermore, the Commission shall formally file the advisory opinion to accept the recommendation for closure with the Department of Human Services, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of State on or by May 8th, 2009.

*Motion 1B*

**MOTION TO NOT ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FOR CLOSURE OF  
HOWE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER**

Pursuant to the State Facility Closure Act (30 ILCS 608), after hearing testimony regarding the proposed closure of Howe Developmental Center in Tinley Park, Illinois, **I move that the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability not accept the recommendation for closure submitted by the Illinois Department of Human Services regarding Howe Developmental Center.** Furthermore, the Commission shall formally file the advisory opinion to not accept the recommendation for closure with the Department of Human Services, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Index Department of the Office of the Secretary of State on or by May 8th, 2009.

Motion by: Nekritz

**MOTION 1<sup>A</sup> VOTE**

**HOWE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER**

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Representative Patricia Bellock (R)	✓	
Senator Bill Brady (R)	✓	
Senator Michael Frerichs (D)		✓
Representative Kevin McCarthy (D)	✓	
Senator Matt Murphy (R)	✓	
Representative Richard Myers (R)	✓	
Representative Elaine Nekritz (D)	✓	
Representative Raymond Poe (R)		✓
Representative Kathleen Ryg (D)	✓	
Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg (D)	✓	
Senator David Syverson (R)	✓	
Senator Donne Trotter (D)		✓
<b>VOTE: Motion 1</b>	9	3

Ryg - 2nd Motion