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The Honorable Jeffrey Schoenberg, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Patricia Bellock, Co-Chair  
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability  
703 Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706



Re: Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice  
Illinois Youth Center at Murphysboro Proposal

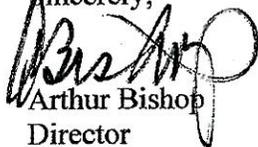
Senator Schoenberg and Representative Bellock:

As you are aware, the Fiscal Year 2012 budget adopted by the Illinois General Assembly provided insufficient appropriations for the operation of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. As a result, the Department of Juvenile Justice proposes to close its Illinois Youth Center facility at Murphysboro to meet the spending reductions imposed by the Illinois General Assembly. This action will also assist in addressing the unprecedented fiscal crisis facing the State of Illinois.

In accordance with the provisions of the State Facilities Closure Act, please consider this letter as our formal notice to your Commission of the proposed closure of the Youth Center. We look forward to working with you as we move forward in compliance with the requirement of the Closure Act. To that end, I will be happy to meet at your convenience to discuss our proposal and the circumstances that have made it necessary.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Arthur Bishop  
Director