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Michelle R. B. Saddler, Secretary  
Illinois Department of Human Services  
100 South Grand Avenue East  
Springfield, Illinois 62762

Dear Secretary Saddler:

On September 8, 2011 the Illinois Department of Human Services notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that the **Tinley Park Mental Health Center in Tinley Park, Illinois** would be closed. The Commission previously held a thorough public hearing on this closing on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with follow-up meetings on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. At the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission voted 7-4-1 to accept the recommendation by the Department of Human Services to close the Tinley Park Mental Health Center in Tinley Park, Illinois.

It is our understanding, since issuing the recommendation for closure that the Department is gradually phasing out this facility and has reduced the number of beds at Tinley from 300 to 75. The Commission believes the closure of this facility to be an on-going process from the 2008 closure announcement, and therefore, does not deem further action by the Commission necessary at this time. The Commission considers this matter settled based upon the previous hearings and vote.

Should you have any questions concerning this subject, please contact the Commission at (217) 782-5322.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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S283 Tinley Park Mental Health Center

cc: Senator Jeffrey M Schoenberg, Co-Chair  
Representative Patricia R. Bellock, Co-Chair