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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Patrick Quinn, Governor, State of Illinois
The Honorable John Cullerton, President of the Senate
The Honorable Michael Madigan, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Christine Radogno, Minority Leader of the Senate
The Honorable Tom Cross, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Jesse White, Secretary of State
Richard H. Calica, Director, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

RE: Advisory Opinion of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
Regarding the Closure of the DHFS Office at 32 West Randolph in Chicago

The Commission met on Monday, August 6, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. to take final action on the proposed closure of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services office at 32 West Randolph in Chicago (DHFS Office) and to accept or reject the recommendation for closure submitted by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for that facility. The Commission, on a vote of 7-0, accepted the recommendation by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to close the DHFS Office. A copy of the motion to accept the recommendation for closure and the vote tally is attached.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services officially notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (the Commission) of the intent to close the DHFS Office on June 14, 2012. The Commission requested a recommendation for closure on June 19, 2012. The recommendation must be filed within 30 days after the Commission delivers the request for recommendation to the State executive branch officer."

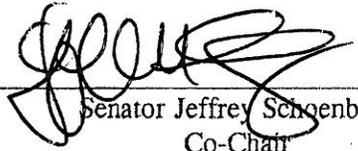
The Department of Healthcare and Family Services submitted the recommendation for closure to the Commission on July 16, 2012. The holding of a local public hearing was at the discretion of the Commission for this facility because it does not fall under the

requirements that mandate a hearing under the State Facility Closure Act. The Commission chose not to hold a public hearing related to this closure. No public comments were received regarding the proposed closure of this office.

The DHFS Office is located at 32 West Randolph, in Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 320 state employees currently work at the office, according to DHFS. The Department intends to move approximately half (193) of these employees to 36 South Wabash in Chicago. The remaining workers will be divided up evenly over three locations; 1) 1755 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, 2) 1605 South Emerald, Chicago, and 3) 401 South Clinton, Chicago.

The Department has noted the relocation of staff into the community environment setting will ensure the accessibility of the program for clients in these specific communities. The long term savings are significant as HFS is relocating from a very expensive private lease to two lease to own state-owned buildings (401 S. Clinton and 1755 Lake Cook Road) and two leases that have been recently renegotiated by CMS. The relocation of staff allows for the reduction of space underutilization and promotes a better utilized space foot print

After reviewing the recommendation for closure from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Commission accepted the recommendation to close the DHFS Office on a vote of 7-0.



Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg
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Representative Patricia Bellock
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