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The Honorable Jeffrey M. Schoenberg  
The Honorable Richard P. Myers  
Co-Chairman  
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability  
703 Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Illinois Department of Corrections  
Fiscal Year 2009 Proposed Budget

Gentlemen:

As you are aware, the Illinois Department of Corrections has submitted an FY09 Budget plan to the legislature that includes discontinuing use of the older, less efficient maximum security cellhouses that account for approximately 37 percent of the Stateville Correctional Center. In addition to the annual appropriations process, during which our Department regularly participates in legislative hearings and provides information requested on all budget recommendations, we are very much looking forward to working with you to gain your support of our plan.

Despite the differences of interpretation we may have with respect to the applicability of the State Facilities Closure Act, I am writing to give you every assurance that the Department will provide the information requested in your March 5, 2008 letter.

The Department intends to furnish its rationale for the Stateville plan and the materials called for in the Closure Act, including:

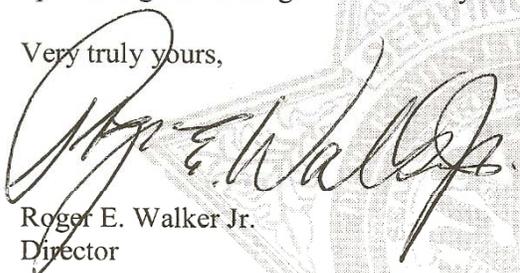
- 1) the location and identity of the facility;
- 2) the number of employees affected, and the effect of the closure on those employees;
- 3) the location of where affected employees and/or work functions would move;
- 4) availability and condition of land and facilities at both the current and proposed locations;

- 5) ability to accommodate functions and employees at both the current and proposed locations;
- 6) the cost of operations at both the current and proposed locations along with any other related budgetary impacts;
- 7) economic impact on surrounding communities at both the current and proposed locations;
- 8) ability of the current and proposed locations to provide the infrastructure to support functions and employees;
- 9) the impact of service delivery to both the current and proposed locations; and
- 10) the environmental impact, including the impact of costs related to environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities

We look forward to working with you and the legislature to accomplish our mutual goals of passing a state budget that promotes the most safe and efficient state services, while also promoting the most responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this matter or to schedule follow-up meetings or hearings. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,



Roger E. Walker Jr.  
Director

