



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Prisons

Office of the Director

Washington, DC 20534

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The Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor
State of Illinois
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Proposed Acquisition of the Thomson Correctional Center, Carroll County, Illinois

Dear Governor Quinn:

I wanted to update you on the Bureau's progress in its effort to acquire Thomson Correctional Center. We have completed the federal environmental review process. The Bureau remains very interested in acquiring the Thomson Correctional Center for use as a Federal United States Penitentiary. Acquiring Thomson Correctional Center would help us address our shortage of space for Bureau high security inmates. If we acquire the Thomson Correctional Center, we anticipate it will generate more than 1,100 total jobs in the region, and estimate our annual operating expenditures (Salaries and Operations) will be in excess of \$122 million per year. We anticipate our annual expenditures will generate about \$19 million in labor income and \$61 million in business sales for local communities.

We understand that, through today's public auction, the State of Illinois is completing its statutory process for the sale of surplus real property. I understand that counsel from your office and from the Bureau have been working together for some time to resolve a conflict between state and federal law on the state sale and federal purchase of the property. Despite these extensive efforts, the Bureau has ultimately determined that it can not participate in the State's auction. However, if no one acquires the Thomson Correctional Center at the auction, we are still very interested in pursuing other ways for the Bureau to acquire the Thomson Correctional Center.

Additionally, the Bureau must still obtain the necessary appropriations for the acquisition, repair, and activation of the Thomson Correctional Center as a United States Penitentiary. We will continue to work to obtain the necessary federal funding. We are hopeful that we will have a resolution to this matter in the near future.

As always, the Bureau looks forward to continuing to work with you and your staff towards a mutually satisfactory resolution of the proposed acquisition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Harley G. Lappin".

Harley G. Lappin
Director