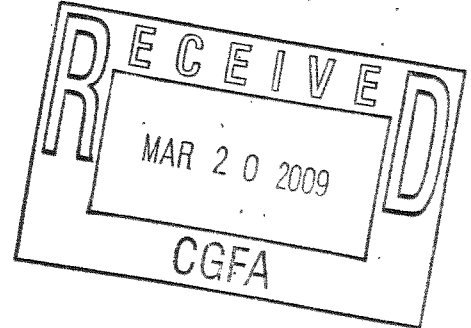


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The Honorable Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Richard P. Myers, Co-Chair  
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability  
703 Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice  
Youth Center at Pere Marquette Proposal

Gentlemen:

To assist in the effort to address the unprecedented fiscal and budget crisis facing the State of Illinois, the Fiscal Year 2010 budget request for the Department of Juvenile Justice, announced by Governor Quinn on Wednesday, March 18, contains a proposal to close our Youth Center at Pere Marquette. 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 all of us move forward in compliance with the requirements of the Closure Act. To that end, it is my hope that we will be able to meet in the near future to discuss our proposal and the circumstances we feel have made it necessary.

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

Very truly yours,

Kurt C. Friedenauer  
Director