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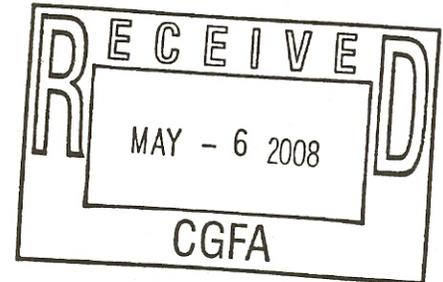
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The Honorable Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Richard P. Myers, Co-Chairman  
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability  
703 Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, IL 62706



Re: Illinois Department of Corrections  
Pontiac Correctional Center Proposal

Gentlemen:

As you know, several weeks ago the Department proposed discontinuing use of the maximum security portion of the Stateville Correctional Center. Since that time, my staff has continued to explore the options available to us, as we strive to put newer, more modern facilities into operation and to move away from reliance on older, less efficient ones. Based upon that further review, I have determined that our goals can best be met at this time by keeping the maximum security portion of Stateville open and by closing the Pontiac Correctional Center.

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 Pontiac Correctional Center. In that regard, I am enclosing a copy of my very recent correspondence to Senator Wilhelmi, advising him of the decision to keep Stateville open in its entirety. That correspondence constituted the first public announcement of the proposal to close Pontiac. I trust you will find all of this to be in order.

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,

Roger E. Walker Jr.  
Director