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Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg
Representative Richard Myers
Commission on Government
Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL. 62706



Dear Senator Schoenberg and Representative Myers:

On May 16th, 2008, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability notified my office that the Department must file an official recommendation of closure for Pontiac Correctional Center by Wednesday, July 2nd, 2008.

My staff has been working diligently on putting the information together. We have not taken this task lightly. First and foremost, we continue to look at the impact to the employees of Pontiac Correctional Center and the Economic impact to Pontiac and existing communities in the vicinity of the prison.

As you are aware, the General Assembly passed a budget with full funding for Pontiac CC; however, the Governor has not acted on the budget bills. At the same time, the Governor's Office is asking agencies to reserve \$500 million for the up coming fiscal year, and we do not have those details as of yet. This leaves the potential closure of Pontiac still as a possibility.

Given this, I am asking for an extension to July 15th to file our recommendation for closure. I stand committed to working with the Commission during these difficult budget times, and would appreciate your willingness to grant this extension.

Sincerely,

Roger E. Walker, Jr.
Director
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