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March 15, 2005

Mr. Michael Rumman, Director
Dept. of Central Management Services
Room 715 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Director Rumman:

The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability has completed its review of the below closure recommendation. During the Commission meeting on February 23, 2005, the Department of Human Services testified on the Department's intention of not closing the below facility.

At a meeting on March 15, 2005, the Commission voted unanimously that the below facility should **not** be closed. This decision was based on the testimonies of service recipients and DHS; insufficient savings to offset recipients' needs; and the distance to the next service office. Testimony indicated the State could actually lose money by not being able to serve recipients who may be eligible for food stamps but unable to get to a DHS office for assistance in applying. Again the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability voted to approve the recommendation not to close the following facility and strongly recommends this DHS facility remain open.

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Chicago, IL 60609-2630

Thank you for your assistance and time involving this matter. Should you have questions concerning this request, please call the Commission office at (217) 782-5320.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Long
Executive Director

CC: Prentis L. Johnson

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