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March 1, 2012

Mr. Richard Calica  
Director  
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services  
Cook County Juvenile Court  
2245 West Ogden Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60612

Dear Director Calica:

On February 24, 2012 the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that the **DCFS Office in Skokie, Illinois** would be closed. In compliance with 30 ILCS 608, the Department of Children and Family Services must file an official recommendation of closure with the Commission by **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**. The recommendation must include, but is not limited to:

- 1) the location and identity of the State facility proposed to be closed;
- 2) the number of employees for which the State facility is the primary stationary work location and the effect of the closure of the facility on those employees;
- 3) the location or locations to which the functions and employees of the State facility would be moved;
- 4) the availability and condition of land and facilities at both the existing location and any potential locations;
- 5) the ability to accommodate the functions and employees at the existing and at any potential locations;
- 6) the cost of operations of the State facility and at any potential locations and any other related budgetary impacts;
- 7) the economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of the State facility and any potential facility;
- 8) the ability of the existing and any potential communities infrastructure to support the functions and employees;

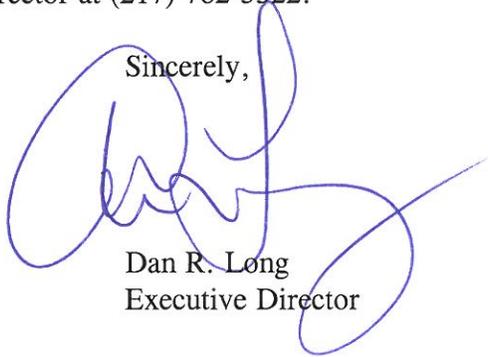
- 9) the impact on State services delivered at the existing location, in direct relation to the State services expected to be delivered at any potential locations; and
- 10) the environmental impact, including the impact related to potential environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities.

In addition to the legislatively mandated information above, please also include:

- how much transition costs will be and where in the budget will they be paid for,
- how much, if any, maintenance costs will be annually after closure, and
- how this facility closure fits into any long-term plan.

Should you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Dan R. Long, the Commission Executive Director at (217) 782-5322.

Sincerely,



Dan R. Long  
Executive Director

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cc: Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg  
Representative Patricia Bellock