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March 1, 2012

Mr. Arthur Bishop
Director
Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice
707 N. 15th St.
Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Director Bishop:

On February 22, 2012 the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that the **Illinois Youth Center in Joliet, Illinois** would be closed. The State Facility Closure Act (30 ILCS 608) states that, "in the case of a proposed closure of a (i) prison, youth center, work camp, or work release center operated by the Department of Corrections; (ii) a school, mental health center, or center for the developmentally disabled operated by the Department of Human Services; or (iii) a residential facility operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability must require the executive branch officers to file a recommendation for closure."

The Department of Juvenile Justice must file an official recommendation of closure in compliance with 30 ILCS 608 with the Commission by **Saturday, March 31st, 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;

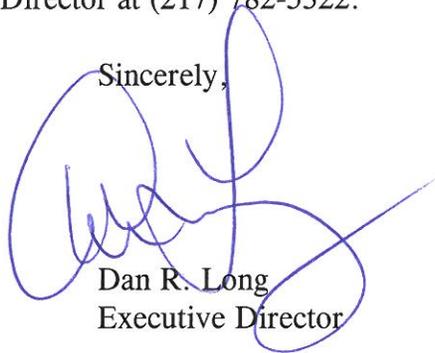
- 5) the ability to accommodate the functions and employees at the existing and at any potential locations;
- 6) the cost of operations of the State facility and at any potential locations and any other related budgetary impacts;
- 7) the economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of the 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