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September 14, 2011

Mr. Salvador Godinez
Director
Illinois Department of Corrections
1301 Concordia Court
Springfield, IL 62794-9277

Dear Director Godinez:

On September 8, 2011 the Illinois Department of Corrections notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that the **Logan Correctional Center in Lincoln, 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 Corrections must file an official recommendation of closure in compliance with 30 ILCS 608 with the Commission by Friday, October 14th, 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.

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