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April 24, 2012

Ms. Michelle Saddler  
Secretary  
Illinois Department of Human Services  
100 South Grand Avenue East  
Springfield, IL 62762

Dear Secretary Saddler,

This letter is a follow up to our discussions concerning the closure of the **Warren G. Murray Developmental Center** from the hearing held on April 20, 2012. During the hearing, Commission members and other elected officials requested information on numerous topics. This letter is an official request for the data along with any other pertinent information associated with the individual requests.

Below is a list of the requested items.

1. An explanation of how you calculated the difference in per resident cost of care at SODC's (approximately \$200,000) versus the cost of care in community settings (approximately \$100,000).
2. A copy of the contract entered into by the Department with the private consultant who is conducting transition of care interviews with Jacksonville Developmental Center residents.
3. A copy of any studies related to the deaths of residents following the closure of the Lincoln Developmental Center.
4. A break-down of the amount of Federal funding that will be lost due to the closure of the Murray Developmental Center.
5. An explanation of how the administration plans to use the resources of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Illinois Department of Employment Security in helping workers who may be laid off at Murray.

6. Any information related to the request for inclusion of a geo-thermal heating/cooling system in the capital budget for the Murray Center.
7. The component scores and other information related to the Murray Center and the other developmental centers when deciding which developmental centers to close.
8. Information on the denial of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests by local elected officials including Representative Evans and Senator McCarter related to:
  - a. The component scores for the Murray Center and the other developmental centers.
  - b. The criteria and reasoning behind the selection of the Murray Center over other developmental centers.
  - c. Information related to the civil rights investigation at the Choate Center.

Please respond to these requests in a timely manner to ensure the information is provided to our members prior to when the Commission's opinion is mandated.

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  
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