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Senator Jeffery Schoenberg, Co-Chair
Representative Richard Myers, Co-Chair
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706



7:20 am

Dear Senator Schoenberg and Representative Myers,

As you know, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability has a hearing scheduled for tomorrow, July 15, 2009, to vote on the recommendation for closure of the Department of Juvenile Justice Youth Center at Pere Marquette in Grafton, Illinois. In anticipation of that hearing, I write today to inform you that my administration continues to evaluate the closure of this facility and that the decision to close this facility remains under review.

Our State is confronted with an unprecedented budget deficit. In the past two weeks, I have vetoed two appropriations measures and continue to examine three others. At the same time, I am working with the leaders of each of the four caucuses to reach a humane and balanced budget for this fiscal year. With the state of our budget unsettled, I believe that it is only appropriate that a final determination on closing this facility be made at time when there is greater clarity of the State's finances in Fiscal Year 2010.

To that end, this letter serves as notice to the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that I am withdrawing the Notice of Intent that was filed by the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice on March 20, 2009. I reserve the right to re-file such Notice as we continue to work together to reach a budget that meets the needs of the people of our State.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn
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Cc: Dan Long, Executive Director, Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability