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The Honorable Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, Co-Chair
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Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
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Re: Illinois Department of Corrections
Thomson Correctional Center

Gentlemen:

As you are aware, construction of the Thomson Correctional Center (the "TCC") was completed on November 2, 2001. On August 30, 1999, the Village of Thomson (the "Village") entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Corrections (the "Department") to provide water and sewerage services to the TCC. The financing of Water & Sewer Infrastructure Improvements needed to provide this service included the sale of \$4,090,000 in bonds through the Illinois Rural Bond Bank and the retirement of these bonds is provided for in the debt service component of the user charge.

Delays regarding the staffing and prisoner transfer to the TCC resulted in corresponding delays of IDOC user charge payments to the point where the Village could default on its bond payments. On February 4, 2002, the Village executed the *First Addendum to Intergovernmental Agreement for Purchase of Water and Sewer Service* ("Addendum") which was signed by Donald Snyder, Jr., Director of the IDOC. The purpose of the Addendum was to defray the Village's principal and interest payments. The Village and the Department have executed additional Addenda annually, with the most recent *Seventh Addendum* dated August 3, 2009. The annual payments are based on the shortfall between user fees escrowed for bond payment and amount of bond payment, if any.

We are aware of the recommendation filed on November 25, 2009 by Director Randle to close the Thomson Correctional Center. While the Village Board of Trustees fully supports the sale of the TCC to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, we are concerned that if the TCC remains closed the Department will no longer appropriate funds to make these payments. Without the continued financial support from the Department, the Village will undoubtedly face default on the bond payments.

Please consider this issue when making your recommendation to the office of Governor Quinn.

Best Regards,

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Vicky Bealer Trager, CPA
Member, Village Board of Trustees
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Cc: Honorable Mike Boland
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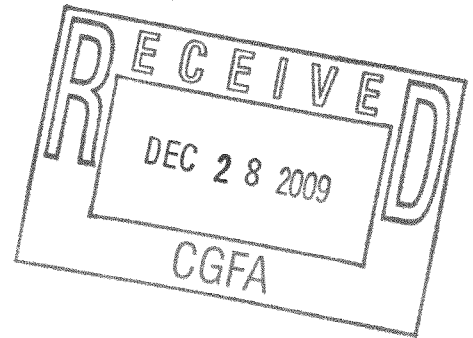
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Re: Illinois Department of Corrections
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Gentlemen:

I would like to thank Governor Quinn, Senator Durbin and all of our other federal and state elected officials who are supporting the proposed sale of the Thomson Correctional Center to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

After living in limbo for eight years, we must finally begin utilizing this virtually vacant, state-of-the-art, maximum security prison. This is the right plan to make that happen.

Over the years we've held rallies and taken bus trips to Springfield. Our former Village President went to Washington DC trying to get the prison open. This fall we sent letters to Governor Quinn and seven other elected officials and told them we would be willing to consider any alternatives so that this facility could be fully utilized.

Our entire region is hurting. Businesses are closing, jobs are leaving and people are losing their homes. We know that the sale of this prison will affect our neighbors outside Carroll County on both sides of the River. We want our families to have opportunities close to home so that they won't have to look for jobs somewhere else. Fully opening the prison will have a huge positive impact on our local economy. Even though not all prison jobs can be filled by local residents, it will mean more jobs in construction and services. Our restaurants will be full and many of our businesses that close or reduce their operating hours during the winter may be able to stay open year round. The sale of this prison to the federal government will help that happen.

But I would never, ever chase jobs that would jeopardize the safety and security of my friends and neighbors. I've been extremely disappointed in some elected officials, including many who've probably never been to Carroll County, spreading misinformation and trying to scare people. This isn't about politics. This is about listening and responding to the will of the people you represent.

Law enforcement, economic development professionals, community leaders and elected officials from throughout the region have had in-depth meetings and discussions with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Department of Defense about purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center. The top five security officials of the US government have assured President Obama that this prison will be beefed up to be more secure than the Supermax facility in Colorado.

We didn't make a snap decision. We listened, learned and asked a lot of tough questions about security and the federal officials we met with confirmed:

No detainees will be released in the U.S. because it's against federal law.

Detainees can't have any visitors except their lawyers or members of the International Red Cross.

This maximum security prison would be upgraded even further to make it America's most secure federal prison.

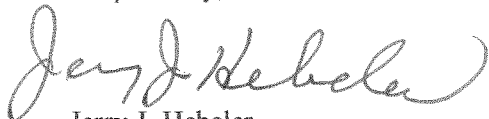
No inmate has ever escaped from a federal super maximum security prison.

We need to be safe. We need to give people hope. We need to give people opportunities to keep their families here. This is our shot to do all three.

The Village of Thomson, along with counties and communities across Northwest Illinois, are speaking with a unified voice when we ask for your support.

I've been a referee for 35 years, and I always call them like I see them.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jerry J. Hebler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jerry J. Hebler
President, Village of Thomson

Cc: Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor, State of Illinois

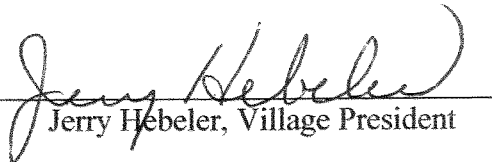
VILLAGE OF THOMSON, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomson, in Carroll County, Illinois that the said Village supports the sale, transfer or lease of the Thomson Correctional Center by the State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Corrections to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Passed at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Thomson, Illinois on this 20th day of November, 2009.

VILLAGE OF THOMSON, ILLINOIS

BY: 
Jerry Hebeler, Village President

ATTEST: 
Kimberly LaShelle, Village Clerk

(VILLAGE SEAL)

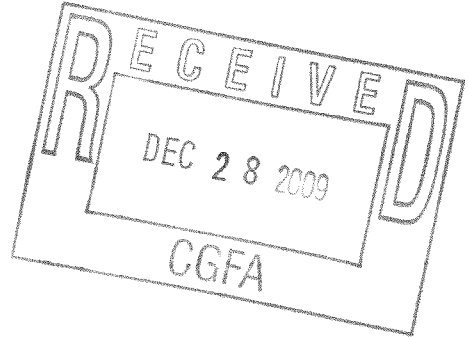
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December 23, 2009



Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
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Joint Commission:

I attended the State Facility Closure Act hearing regarding Thomson Correctional Center on Tuesday, December 22, 2009, hoping to address the Commission with my thoughts concerning the proposed sale of Thomson Correctional Center to the federal government. Unfortunately, there were a great number of people more important than me who preceded me, so I had to leave at approximately 5:30 p.m. because I had to return to my job.

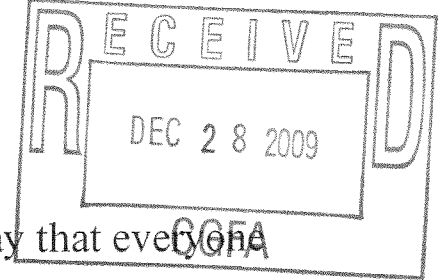
Frankly, I would have hoped to be able to respond to the "Band of Mothers" and the TEA Party naysayers.

Unfortunately, while I was not able to address you with my concerns, I have reduced my thoughts to writing and I enclose it herewith. I can only hope that someone in your Commission will take the few moments necessary to hear me.

Sincerely,

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Henry S. Dixon

HSD/sc
Encl: copy of speech



I'll not address the economic issues, except to say that everyone agrees that there will be an economic benefit created by the new federal prison/detention facility in Thomson, although not everyone agrees as to the extent of that economic benefit.

There is far more fundamental issue at stake here: our commitment to winning the war against the terrorists who attacked our Country.

I understand that throughout the continental United States there are some 350 terrorists or enemy combatants imprisoned in federal or state prisons.

There are some 34 of them incarcerated in Illinois.

The fact is that we have taken enemy combatants captive and we hold them. We have prosecuted terrorists, tried and convicted them and we have imprisoned them.

We went to war against Al Qaeda in late 2001 after it attacked the United States.

Our president, George W. Bush, called all of us to war against Al Qaeda. And rightly so. President Bush warned us that:

- this war would not end quickly,
- it would take a long time to defeat our enemy,
- there would be sacrifices that we would have to make.

War necessarily entails casualties - our own as well as our enemy's. That simply means dead, wounded and captured enemy: the Al Qaeda and their allies, primarily the Taleban.

Many young men and women from Carroll, Whiteside, Lee, Ogle and the surrounding counties have served Our Country in this war. I suspect that every single person here can name one, probably more, soldiers who have served in this war. I have two sons who have served there. One son has had two combat tours, and his brother has had four combat tours in Afghanistan, and he will return early next year for his fifth.

Why is it that it's OK to go to war - to kill and capture our enemy - yet somehow not hold them prisoner in our own country?

Surely, the men that the United States wants to imprison and detain in the Thomson facility are not as dangerous as Richard Speck, John

Wayne Geasy and many others who murdered, raped, and maimed right here in Illinois. I think not - but if you honestly do, ask yourself how many of them have escaped from our maximum and super max facilities.

When we are called upon to step up for our Country, as President Bush asked us to do, then step up - stand up - for our Country with the same bravery and courage and commitment that our young soldiers exhibited when we sent them off to Afghanistan and Iraq.

To do otherwise would be to admit to President Bush, to our Country and to ourselves, that we lack the courage and determination that President Bush saw in us.

Our National Anthem ends with the last line:

“O’er the land of the free

And the home of the Brave.

And I have often heard it said that:

“We are the land of the Free

Because of the Brave.”

I say to all of those who object,

If we can't handle this modest inconvenience

If indeed it is an inconvenience at all ...

Then we ought to change our tune:

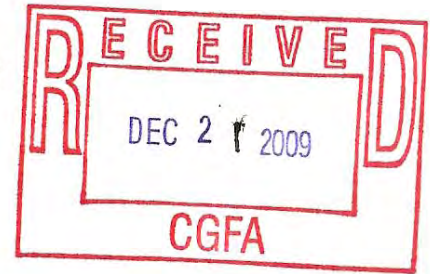
No longer the Star Spangled Banner,

Rather, some wimpy tune like

“I surrender dear”.

19 December 2009

The Honorable Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, Co-Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Myers, Co-Chair
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706



Re: Illinois Department of Corrections
Thomson Correctional Center

Gentlemen:

I am writing to express my full and unreserved support for the sale of the Thomson Correctional Center to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. However, I also wish to express my concern for a smooth transition.

At the time the prison was constructed, I was a member of the Thomson Village Board and I chaired the Water and Sewer Committee. In that capacity, I was the principle negotiator for the Village with the DOC/State of Illinois. We designed a rate structure that would meet the needs of the DOC and not cause a hardship to the Village. I would like to think that this same principle will continue to be followed.

Since the AG determined that the Governor can sell the TCC and that the earliest date for completion would be in March of 2010; and since the Federal Bureau of Prisons has indicated that they wish to purchase the facility, I propose that the Federal Bureau of Prisons deposit into an escrow account with the Village of Thomson sufficient funds to pay the operating cost, maintenance, replacement and bonds for what would be the estimated share of the cost to the state of Illinois from January 1, 2010 through March 30, 2010; and at the completion of the sale, the Federal Bureau of Prisons be given credit against the purchase price for the actual cost for this period of time.

The goal here is to hold the Village of Thomson harmless through the transition period. It would ensure that the residents of Thomson are not left paying the cost of operations of a plant that far exceeds anything they need. It would ensure that bonds are paid in a timely fashion and that the physical plant is properly operated and maintained which is vital to all parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arthur C. Donart".

Dr. Arthur C. Donart, Ph. D.
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RICHARD J. DURBIN
ILLINOIS

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December 22, 2009

The Honorable Jeffrey M. Schoenberg
Co-Chairman
Commission on Government Forecasting
and Accountability
Illinois State Senate
218 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Senator Schoenberg:

As you and State Representative Richard Myers convene the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, I write to express my strong support for the State's sale and the federal Bureau of Prison's purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center.

The Thomson Correctional Center – a state-of-the-art correctional facility – has been sitting virtually empty for more than eight years, costing the state at least \$2 million per year in maintenance. The Obama Administration has put forward a credible plan to acquire Thomson and make it the safest federal maximum security prison in America. As you know, it would also house a limited number of Guantanamo Bay detainees.

This initiative will have an overwhelmingly positive impact on the local economy – creating more than 3,400 jobs – half of which will be drawn from the local area – and injecting at least \$1 billion into the local economy. This is an opportunity to dramatically reduce unemployment, create thousands of good-paying jobs, and breathe new economic life into Northwestern Illinois.

After a number of briefings by State and federal officials, I believe that the plan put forward by the President would not jeopardize the safety and security of the region. I trust our local, state, and federal law enforcement officials; the military; and the intelligence community to evaluate any potential security threats and to safely incarcerate federal inmates and detainees.

I'm constantly amazed by the baseless accusations of the plan's opponents. I believe these concerns have been examined and have been put to rest by detailed answers to questions supplied to the Illinois Congressional Delegation. I'm attaching a letter from the Department of Defense and nine pages of these answers. I ask, Mr. Chairman, that they be included in the hearing record.

The Honorable Jeffrey M. Schoenberg
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Let me close by thanking you and the Commission for convening in such a timely manner to consider the Thomson proposal. I believe this is an important step forward to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, a recruiting tool for our enemies abroad, and a much needed economic boost for Northwestern Illinois.

I stand ready to assist you and the State on this important initiative.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Richard J. Durbin
United State Senator



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1010 DEFENSE PENTAGON
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DEC 15 2009

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Durbin:

This is in response to a November 20, 2009, letter received by the Secretary of Defense, regarding the U.S. Government's potential acquisition of the Thomson Correctional Center to house both federal inmates and a limited number of detainees from Guantanamo. As you know, officials from the Departments of Defense, Justice, and Homeland Security visited the facility in Thomson, Illinois, on November 16, 2009, and met with more than 120 local, State, and Federal officials to answer questions and exchange information. Our staff was uniformly impressed with the facility, its state-of-the-art security measures, and the people of Thomson and the surrounding area.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you and your colleagues as this process moves forward. As part of this effort, Members of the Illinois congressional delegation received a detailed briefing on December 2, 2009, from Defense Department and Justice Department officials. During that briefing, questions were posed by Members of both parties and both Houses of Congress that were similar to those in your letter of November 20. For this reason, the Departments of Defense and Justice have prepared written answers to more than 30 questions that I am forwarding to the entire Illinois delegation.

Finally, as Secretary Gates stated in his Senate testimony last week, during his service as Secretary of Defense for both President Bush and President Obama, his assessment has remained the same: Guantanamo bears a taint, and it is a recruiting tool for al Qaeda and for other terrorists and Islamic extremists. This assessment is shared by the nation's top military commanders who prosecuted this war under the previous administration and continue to do so today, including Admiral Michael Mullen, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General David Petraeus, the Commander of U.S. Central Command.

Working together, we can close Guantanamo in a responsible manner, and our men and women in uniform can safely and securely house a limited number of detainees within the United States. Thank you again for your consideration.



ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM ILLINOIS MEMBERS

Topic A: Military Commissions, Civilian Trials, Prolonged Detention

1. Of detainees set to be transferred to Thomson, how many would be selected for trial by civilian court?

If Thomson is selected, we do not anticipate that any detainees currently at Guantanamo Bay who are transferred to Thomson would be prosecuted in civilian courts. Instead, detainees who will be prosecuted in Federal court would be transferred directly to the jurisdiction where they would be prosecuted. For example, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, announced on November 13, 2009, that five detainees accused of conspiring to commit the 9/11 attacks would be prosecuted in Federal court in New York. Those detainees will be transferred directly from Guantanamo Bay to the Southern District of New York, where they will be tried. If additional detainees are designated for prosecution in Federal courts, they also will be transferred directly from Guantanamo Bay to a suitable facility with commensurate security in the jurisdiction where they will be tried.

a. By what legal precedent will you be prosecuting enemy combatants in a civilian court?

Under the Constitution and laws of the United States, Federal courts have jurisdiction over a number of terrorism offenses. The Department of Justice has successfully and safely prosecuted terrorists in Federal courts for many years, including:

- Zacarias Moussaoui, convicted in connection with the 9/11 attacks;
- Ali al-Marri, convicted al Qaeda sleeper agent;
- Ramzi Youssef, convicted mastermind of 1993 World Trade Center bombing; and
- Omar Abdul Rahman, convicted in 1995 of conspiracy to target the United Nations building and other New York landmarks.

b. Without having been read Miranda rights, what are the chances enemy combatants could win release by entering civilian court?

Consistent with longstanding policy regarding criminal prosecutions, the Department of Justice will pursue prosecutions of Guantanamo Bay detainees in Federal court only when admissible evidence or potentially available admissible evidence will probably be sufficient to obtain and sustain a conviction. The Attorney General has made clear that he would not have decided to pursue prosecution of the accused 9/11 co-conspirators in Federal court if he did not believe prosecutors could secure a conviction. We cannot comment further on evidentiary issues that particular cases may present.

c. Where would these trials take place?

The trials of the accused 9/11 co-conspirators will take place in the Southern District of New York. If additional Guantanamo Bay detainees are prosecuted in Federal courts, their trials will take place in the Federal judicial districts with venue over the offenses.

d. Where would such detainees be housed during the trial?

The accused 9/11 co-conspirators will be housed during trial in secure detention facilities in the Southern District of New York. If additional Guantanamo Bay detainees are prosecuted in Federal courts, they will be housed in secure facilities in the Federal judicial districts with venue over the offenses.

e. What steps will be needed to ensure the security of prosecutors, judges, juries and their families?

Subject matter experts with the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) have extensive experience in risk management, protective investigations, and protective response. The Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and USMS also have extensive experience housing terrorism defendants both during trial and after conviction. They intend to work closely with state and local authorities to protect against any threats to the trials or detention facilities where terrorism defendants are held, or to the surrounding communities. Potential security measures for judges, prosecutors, jurors, and their families, if necessary, will be determined on a case-by-case basis pursuant to a continuous risk analysis conducted by USMS, which has conducted thousands of protective details and investigates over 1,300 potential threats every year.

2. Of detainees set to be transferred to Thomson, how many would be selected for trial by military commission?

The Administration intends to use all instruments of national power to defeat terrorist extremists, including both Federal courts and military commissions. On November 13, 2009, the same day the Attorney General decided, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, that the alleged 9/11 co-conspirators would be prosecuted in Federal court, he also decided that the cases of five other Guantanamo Bay detainees could be prosecuted by military commissions, including the detainee accused of orchestrating the bombing of the USS COLE. The Attorney General will continue to review additional cases that are referred to the protocol process, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, and announce further forum decisions on a rolling basis.

a. Where would these commissions take place?

Although a final decision has not yet been made on where reformed military commissions will take place, one option under consideration is to hold military commissions at the detention facility selected for detention. If Thomson is that facility, it has existing space that could be used to try military commission cases as well as significant administrative space and other amenities that could provide support to military commissions.

b. Where would such detainees be housed during the trial?

Detainees prosecuted in reformed military commissions would be held at the same location where they are being tried. If the Thomson facility is selected for such detainees, they would be held securely before, during, and after trial within the facility.

c. What steps will be needed to ensure the security of the prosecutors, judges, and their families?

The Thomson detention facility was constructed in 2001 to maximum security specifications. In addition, after Defense Department upgrades to the perimeter security, the Thomson facility would be as secure as any detention facility in the United States, including the “Supermax” prison in Florence, Colorado. Specific procedures to protect the security of participants in the military commission process would be similar to those already in place at Guantanamo. Military court members would not be identified publicly; counsel, judges, and court staff would be briefed on force protection measures; and any perceived threats would be handled by appropriate Defense Department security personnel. Consistent with the policies currently in place at Guantanamo, personnel would be billeted in undisclosed locations, and all observers would be fully screened before being admitted to the courtroom viewing area. Guards and a quick reaction team would be on-call in case of any disruption within the courtroom.

3. Of detainees set to be transferred to Thomson, how many fall into President Obama’s fifth category—those too dangerous for trial or release?

The President never designated a category of detainees who are “too dangerous for trial” or “so dangerous that they can never be prosecuted.” During his speech at the National Archives on May 21, 2009, the President stated that “there may be a number of people who cannot be prosecuted for past crimes, in some cases because evidence may be tainted, but who nonetheless pose a threat to the security of the United States.” With respect to these cases, the President also stated:

“[W]e must recognize that these detention policies cannot be unbounded. They can’t be based simply on what I or the executive branch decide alone. That’s why my administration has begun to reshape the standards that apply to ensure that they are in line with the rule of law. We must have clear, defensible, and lawful standards for those who fall into this category. We must have fair procedures so that we don’t make mistakes. We must have a thorough process of periodic review, so that any prolonged detention is carefully evaluated and justified.”

For these reasons, any detainees at Guantanamo who continue to be held, and for whom no prosecution is planned, will be held only under authority granted by Congress in 2001 under the Authorization for Use of Military Force, as informed by the law of war. In addition, the Supreme Court ruled in *Boumediene v. Bush*, 128 S. Ct. 2229 (2008), that all detainees currently held at Guantanamo have the right to file petitions for habeas corpus to challenge their detention in Federal court. Detainees will continue to have that right when they are transferred to the United States.

With respect to the number of detainees who will continue to be held, and for whom no prosecution is planned, an interagency review panel has been working since February to review the status of every detainee currently being held at Guantanamo. This panel includes senior officials from the Departments of Justice, Defense, State, and Homeland Security, and the Office of the Director of

National Intelligence and the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Staffed by a task force of more than 60 career prosecutors, attorneys, and analysts from across the Federal Government, the panel has completed a preliminary examination of all detainees at Guantanamo and plans to make final detainee disposition decisions early next year.

Topic B: Legal Issues—Authorization for Detention on U.S. Soil

1. How many detainees who fall into the status of “too dangerous for trial or release” would be brought to Thomson, Illinois?

As stated above, there is no category of detainees who are “too dangerous for trial or release.” Nevertheless, an interagency review panel is in the final stages of determining the number of detainees who will continue to be held, and for whom no prosecution is planned, under the authority granted by Congress in 2001.

2. Will the Administration agree to pass legislation authorizing the permanent detention without trial of such enemy combatants as the President pledged in his May 21st, speech?

Congress has already enacted legislation authorizing detention in the current conflict. The Authorization for Use of Military Force, which Congress enacted in September 2001, provides:

“[T]he President is authorized to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons.”

The Supreme Court’s plurality opinion in *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*, 542 U.S. 507 (2004), concluded that “Congress has clearly and unmistakably authorized detention” of individuals covered by this legislation. Federal courts are actively reviewing the Government’s detention decisions in the context of habeas corpus challenges brought by detainees at Guantanamo.

3. If Congress does not pass such legislation and detainees are brought to Thomson, how will you prevent the detainee’s legal representation from mounting a strong case for release by a court?

As stated above, the Supreme Court in *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* concluded that the detention of individuals covered by the Authorization for Use of Military Force was authorized by Congress in 2001. In addition, the Supreme Court ruled in *Boumediene v. Bush*, 128 S. Ct. 2229 (2008), that all detainees currently held at Guantanamo have the right to file petitions for habeas corpus to challenge their detention in federal court. Detainees will continue to have that right when they are transferred to the United States.

Topic C: Legal Issues—Political Asylum and Consular Visits

1. **Have you received a written opinion by the Justice Department that detainees lack legal grounds to apply for political asylum under federal law?**

No. However, Section 552(f) of the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, which was signed into law by the President on October 28, 2009, specifically bars immigration benefits for detainees including “classification as a refugee or applicant for asylum.” See Pub. L. No. 111-83, § 552(d) (2009).

2. **Have you received written legal opinions from the Justice Department that you will be able to deny a request by a foreign government to provide consular services to detainees?**

The Department of Justice has not written a legal opinion on this topic during this administration and is not aware of any opinions written by the previous administration. Consular access has not been provided to detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

3. **Should consular access be granted, what steps will be taken to prevent communication or coordination with outside actors?**

Although consular access has not been provided to detainees at Guantanamo Bay, foreign government officials have met with some of their citizens at Guantanamo Bay following a determination by the U.S. Government that such access was appropriate and consistent with maintaining security.

Topic D: Protection for Detention Personnel

1. **What steps will be taken to avoid the identity release of civilian or military detention personnel at the facility?**

If the Thomson facility is selected, detainees transferred from Guantanamo would continue to be guarded by U.S. military personnel, just as they are now at Guantanamo. The Defense Department would operate its portion of the facility independently, and there would be no opportunity for detainees from Guantanamo to interact with Federal prison inmates.

As with all Defense Department facilities, including Guantanamo, the on-site commander is responsible for ensuring the security of the facility and its personnel. The on-site commander would have authority to take steps to avoid the public release of the identities of civilian or military personnel working at the facility. The on-site commander could take additional security measures if necessary, including allowing travel to the facility in civilian clothes, removing indications of military affiliation from automobiles, and “sanitizing” military uniforms when in proximity to detainees.

2. **What steps will be taken to provide security for said detention personnel their families, and their communities?**

As stated above, the on-site commander will have the tools necessary to ensure the security of the facility and its personnel, just as he currently does at Guantanamo. In addition to the specific

security measures outlined above, Defense Department personnel are trained in the mitigation of force protection concerns when off post. This is an annual training requirement, and the family members of Defense Department personnel are authorized and encouraged to receive this training as well.

Topic E: Medical Treatment and Associated Risks

1. Does the Thomson Correctional Facility currently house the required class three medical facilities for detainees?

Guantanamo does not have a Class 3 medical facility, but a Class 2 medical facility, supplemented with Memoranda of Understanding with physicians and other medical personnel who travel to the site. The same policy would apply if the Thomson facility is selected. The existing facility at Thomson already has a fully functional health unit that includes the following in-house components:

- emergency triage;
- medical records;
- pharmacy;
- radiology;
- physical therapy;
- negative pressure rooms; and
- 16-bed infirmary with two crisis care rooms.

The Defense Department would further upgrade the existing health unit to handle all foreseeable detainee health conditions, just as it has done at Guantanamo for the past seven years.

2. If not, how long will it take to build?

As stated above, the existing facility at Thomson already includes a fully functional health unit. The Defense Department estimates that all upgrades to the existing health unit could be completed in a matter of months, and all upgrades would be completed prior to the arrival of detainees. If for some reason a detainee suffers from a health condition that cannot be treated fully within this upgraded facility, he would not be taken to a civilian medical facility, but would be transferred to a U.S. military base with secure medical facilities.

3. In the interim construction period, will detainees be treated at Mercy Medical Center in Clinton (9 miles), Morrison Community Hospital in Morrison (13 miles), CGH Medical Center in Sterling (21 miles) or another location?

No. As stated above, the Defense Department would not transfer any detainees from Guantanamo until all necessary medical upgrades are complete, and we do not foresee any circumstances in which detainees would be brought to civilian medical facilities.

4. What security measures will be needed to secure the detainee transport to and from the medical facility?

As stated above, the Defense Department would not transfer any detainees from Guantanamo until all necessary medical upgrades are complete, and we do not foresee any circumstances in which detainees would be brought to civilian medical facilities.

5. What security measures will be needed at the medical facility?

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Topic F: Protesters and Emergency Responder Capacity

1. How many protesters are expected to come to Thomson from around the country and world?

Federal agencies have not attempted to estimate the number of protesters that might come to Thomson from around the country and around the world, and it is unlikely that any such estimate would be credible.

Nevertheless, if the Thomson facility is selected, Federal agencies including the Departments of Justice, Defense, and Homeland Security, would work with State and local agencies to identify and mitigate any threats relating to the population of Federal inmates and detainees at Thomson. The Federal Government's preliminary evaluation process already has included meetings and briefings with:

- Jonathon Monken, Director of Illinois State Police;
- Michael P. Randle, Director of Illinois Department of Corrections;
- Andrew Velasquez, Director of Illinois Emergency Management Agency; and
- Multiple regional, county, and local law enforcement officials.

In addition to potentially modifying existing Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs), local, State, and Federal agencies are evaluating intelligence-sharing capabilities through the Illinois state "fusion center" and the Federal Joint Terrorism Task Force.

2. Does Thomson currently have adequate police and public safety officers to handle crowd control and make arrests, if necessary?

Since the Thomson facility has not been fully utilized for the past eight years, it is likely that an increase in police and public safety officers will be necessary regardless of whether the thousands of new occupants at the facility are Federal inmates or detainees from Guantanamo. Federal officials and their counterparts in Illinois have begun the process of identifying additional personnel, resources, and authorities that may assist in handling the increased presence of both inmates and detainees at Thomson.

On December 2, 2009, Illinois law enforcement organizations, including the State Police, the Association of Chiefs of Police, the Sheriff's Association, and the Law Enforcement Alarm System, sent a letter to the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice endorsing the Thomson

facility as an option for housing federal inmates and a limited number of detainees from Guantanamo. Their letter stated:

“We should also work with the federal government to further explore and detail law enforcement’s recommendations at the local, county and state levels in order to obtain the necessary additional resources, including manpower, equipment and funding. Given that support, we strongly believe that the operation of this facility can be conducted without any increased risk to public safety.”

3. Does Thomson have sufficient jail capacity to house a significant number of law breakers?

As stated above, the Federal Government’s preliminary evaluation process already has included meetings with local, State, and Federal law enforcement officials who are evaluating additional personnel, resources, and authorities that may assist in handling the increased presence of both inmates and detainees at Thomson. This would include the question of jail capacity for law breakers.

Topic G: Military Housing and Education Costs

1. Will these military homes be subject to local property tax?

Yes, if military personnel buy houses on the local economy around Thomson, they would be subject to the same property taxes as civilians in the area.

2. How many children may reasonably be expected to accompany 1,500 service members?

If Thomson is selected, the Defense Department estimates that between 1,000 and 1,500 personnel would move to the region. Approximately two-thirds of these employees would be military service members, while approximately one-third would be contractors and civilian personnel. Current Defense Department planning assumptions are that military service members would not bring family members to the region during the first year of the facility’s operation. As a result, local school districts would have some time to prepare for the increased demand at local schools, including hiring new teachers. In the second year, the Defense Department would evaluate allowing service members to bring family members into the region.

3. Does West Carroll District #314 have the capacity to absorb all new military family students?

By itself, West Carroll District #314 is unlikely to have the capacity to absorb all new military family students. However, it will not be required to do so. The Council on Economic Advisers estimates that service members will settle in several counties within a one-hour drive. These include Carroll County, Whiteside County, Jo Daviess County, Lee County, and Rock Island County in Illinois, as well as Clinton County and Jackson County in Iowa. In addition, as stated above, the arrival of new military family students would not occur during the first year of the

facility's operation, so school districts in these counties would have some time to adjust to the increased demand.

4. Will West Carroll District #314 receive federal Impact Aid payments to subsidize these new education costs? Is so, how much per student?

If the Thomson facility is selected, Federal agencies would work with local, county, and state officials to identify multiple funding sources that may be available to assist with the increased Federal footprint in the region. Under the Impact Aid program, "basic support payments" help local school districts that educate "federally connected" children, including children of members of the uniformed services and children whose parents work on federal property. In general, to be eligible for assistance, a local school district must educate an average of at least 400 such children, or federally connected children must make up at least 3% of a school district's total average daily attendance. "Heavily impacted districts" that enroll certain percentages of federally connected children and meet other specific statutory criteria may receive increased formula payments.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 22, 2009

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Honorable Jeffrey M. Schoenberg
Co-Chairman
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
Illinois State Senate
218 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Senator Schoenberg:

I write to express my support for the State of Illinois' sale of Thomson Correctional Center to the federal Bureau of Prisons. As you and State Representative Richard Myers convene the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, I ask that you consider the benefit of converting the Thomson Correctional Center into the safest maximum security prison in the United States.

For the past eight years, the facility has been draining \$2 million annually in maintenance fees. Allowing the federal Bureau of Prisons to purchase the facility will have a powerful impact on the region, creating an estimated 3,400 jobs and providing a \$1 billion boost to the local economy. This opportunity comes at a time when the people of Illinois need it most.

As a member of both the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Armed Services, I have seriously considered the federal government's plan to house a limited number of Guantanamo Bay detainees at Thomson Correctional Center. I am confident in the abilities of our federal, state, and local law enforcement officials; the military; and the intelligence community to assess potential security threats and to safely and humanely incarcerate federal inmates and detainees.

I appreciate the Commission's careful and timely consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Roland W. Burris
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December 21, 2009

Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg, Co-Chairman
Representative Richard Myers, Co-Chairman
State of Illinois - Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Chairmen Schoenberg and Myers:

I am writing to express my strong support for selling Thomson Prison to the Bureau of Prisons and moving detainees from Guantanamo Bay to the Thomson facility. Opponents of selling Thomson are presenting a false choice between economic prosperity and national security when in fact this proposal strengthens both.

Security has to be the first consideration in this decision. After being briefed by the National Security Council I am convinced that moving a limited number of detainees from Guantanamo Bay to Thomson would pose no security threat to the State of Illinois. Let's get the facts straight. No one in history has ever broken out of a Supermax prison, and Thomson would be equipped by the Department of Defense to exceed Supermax security measures. In addition, no Guantanamo detainee can be released on U.S. soil. If they are tried and convicted, they will be sentenced. If, in the unlikely event they are found not guilty, they will be deported. Friends and relatives of detainees would not be permitted to visit; only legal counsel and Red Cross monitors would.

Not only is this proposal good for our national security, it would create between 2,340 and 3,250 jobs and inject nearly a billion dollars into the local economy. Unemployment in Carroll County, where Thomson is located, would be cut in half. Unemployment would also drop in surrounding counties, including Rock Island and Whiteside, which I represent. This is a historic opportunity for our region that cannot and should not be derailed by the politics of fear.

I would like to thank you and the other members of the commission for your careful and diligent work on behalf of the State of Illinois. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal. If I can be of any assistance as you work through this process please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

PHIL HARE
Member of Congress

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Lawrence J. Morrissey
Mayor
Office of the Mayor

December 2, 2009

Governor Patrick Quinn
State of Illinois
207 Statehouse
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Dear Governor Quinn:

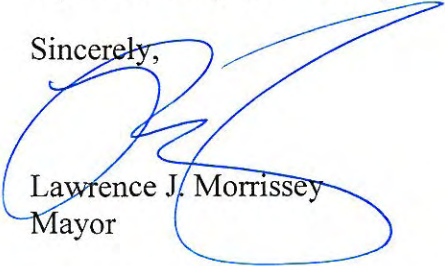
At its meeting of November 23, 2009, the Rockford City Council passed the attached resolution in strong support of the State of Illinois selling the Thomson Correctional Center, located in Carroll County, to the federal Bureau of Prisons.

The sale of Thomson to the federal government would bring in badly needed revenues to the State of Illinois, provide additional economic activity and job creation for northwest Illinois, and serve a national security need. In addition to our support that is described in the Resolution, the City of Rockford is also requesting written clarification and assurances from the federal government as it relates to how the Thomson prison will be operated, as well as how the federal government will assist the City of Rockford in the future event that detainees are tried in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Western Division, which is located in downtown Rockford.

A letter to appropriate officials from your office requesting the same assurances outlined in the Resolution would be most appreciated. I want to thank you for your leadership on this issue, and thank you for your support for northwest Illinois and the City of Rockford.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Lawrence J. Morrissey
Mayor

Cc: The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States
The Honorable Richard Durbin, United States Senator, Illinois
The Honorable Roland Burris, United States Senator, Illinois
The Honorable Don Manzullo, Congressman, 16th District
Mr. Harley Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons

COUNCIL ROOMS, CITY OF ROCKFORD

Date: November 23, 2009

BY: Aldermen Doug Mark, Carl Wasco, Venita Hervey, Leonard Jacobson, Ann Thompson-Kelly, Nancy Johnson, Bill Timm, Frank Beach, Karen Elyea, John Beck, Linda McNeely, and Bill Robertson

Resolution on the Proposed Sale of Thomson Correctional Center

WHEREAS, safety and security always has been and always will be our nation's top priority; and

WHEREAS, the Thomson Correctional Center is a state-of-the-art, maximum-security prison owned by the State of Illinois, and has been virtually vacant for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, the federal Bureau of Prisons has recently toured the facility with U.S. Senator Dick Durbin and other Members of the Illinois and Iowa Congressional Delegations and is considering buying the maximum-security facility from the State of Illinois and leasing a small portion to the Department of Defense to house a limited number of detainees; and

WHEREAS, the federal Bureau of Prisons has said it would operate Thomson with its most restrictive conditions, additional security measures would be added to make it the most secure federal prison in the United States, and that no visitation rights would be afforded to federal detainees with the exception of their U.S.-appointed legal representation; and

WHEREAS, the Thomson Correctional Center, located in Carroll County, is within the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Western Division, which is headquartered in the City of Rockford, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and his Administration have clearly stated that federal detainees will not be involved in court proceedings, hearings, or tribunals within the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division District Court; and

WHEREAS, in the event that federal policy changes to allow court proceedings, hearings, or tribunals within the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division District Court, that the City of Rockford has the assurance from the U.S. Federal Government that all federal resources would be made available to ensure and provide for the safety and security of the citizens of Rockford, Winnebago County, and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, if in the future a detainee is tried, convicted, and serves his/her time, the federal government has given assurances that under no circumstance would a detainee be released on U.S. soil, but rather the sentence would mandate deportation upon release; and

WHEREAS, the sale of Thomson to the federal government would generate a tremendous economic boost for our Northwest Illinois region during the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression; and

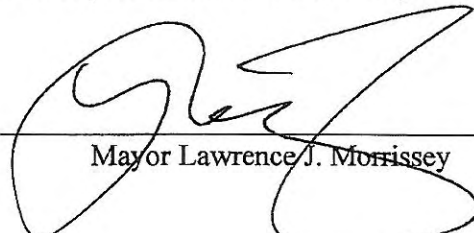
WHEREAS, the White House Council of Economic Advisors have determined that the opening of Thomson by the federal government could create more than 3,800 direct and indirect jobs throughout the region and an estimated \$1 billion in economic activity in just the first four years of operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, provided the aforementioned security and safety assurances by the federal government, and given the positive economic impact to the northwest Illinois region and the State of Illinois through the full utilization of the Thomson Correctional Center, the Mayor and City Council supports the potential purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center by the federal Bureau of Prisons, and directs the Mayor to forward this resolution to the Governor of the State of Illinois, our U.S. Congressional delegation, and the President of the United States.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rockford this 23rd day of November 2009.

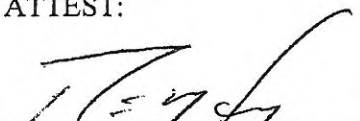
APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Rockford this 23rd day of November 2009.

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Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

ATTEST:



Patrick W. Hayes, Legal Director and ex
Officio Clerk of the City of Rockford

Ayes: Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach,
Elyea, McNeely, Robertson -11-

Nays: Sosnowski, Curran -2-

Absent: Beck -1-

Support for Federal Acquisition of Thomson Correctional Center

State

Governor Pat Quinn (D-IL)
Former Governor James R. Thompson (R-IL)
Former Governor Jim Edgar (R-IL)
Illinois State Senator Mike Jacobs (D-36th District)
Illinois State Representative Mike Boland (D-71st District)
Illinois State Representative Jim Sacia (R-89th District)
Illinois State Representative Pat Verschoore (D-72nd District)
Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System
Illinois Sheriff's Associations
Illinois State Police
Illinois Department of Corrections
Illinois Emergency Management Agency
Illinois Office of Homeland Security
Carroll County State's Attorney Scott Brinkmeier
Lee County State's Attorney Henry S. Dixon
Ogle County State's Attorney John (Ben) Roe
Whiteside County State's Attorney Gary L. Spencer

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Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)
Senator Roland Burris (D-IL)
Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Representative Phil Hare (D-IL)
Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)
Representative Bruce Braley (D-IA)
Abner J. Mikva, Member of U.S. Congress (D-IL), 1969-1973, 1975-1979; White House Counsel, Clinton administration; Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, 1979-1994
Dan K. Webb, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, 1981-1985
Thomas P. Sullivan, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, 1977-1981; Former Co-Chair of the Illinois Governor's Commission on Capital Punishment, 2000-2008

Local

Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development
Boiler Makers Local 1
Boiler Makers Local 60
Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 6
Carpenters Local 790
Carpenters Local 792
Carroll County Board of Supervisors
Carroll County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies Committee
Chadwick Village
Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters
Clinton City Council
Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce
Dixon City Council
Elevator Constructors Local 132
Elizabeth Village Board
Freeport City Council

Fulton City Council
Galena City Council
Glaziers Local 1355
Greater Sterling Development Corporation
Hanover Chamber of Commerce
Hanover Village
Heat & Frost Insulators Local 19
IBEW Local 364
IBEW Local 15
Illinois Highway 30 Coalition
Iron Workers Local 498
Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority
Laborers Local 32
Laborers Local 727
Laborers Local 1035
Lanark City Council
Lee County Industrial Development Association
Milledgeville Village
Millwrights Local 2158
Mount Carroll City Council and Mayor
Northwestern Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council
Operating Engineers Local 150
Painters District Council
Painters' & Drywall Finishers Local 502
Painters' & Drywall Finishers Local 607
Painters' & Drywall Finishers Local 676
Plasters & Cement Masons Local 11
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 23
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 25
Quad City Chamber of Commerce
Renew Moline
Road Sprinkler Fitters Local 669
Rock Island County Board
Rockford City Council
Roofers Local 11
Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce
Sheet Metal Workers Local 91
Sheet Metal Workers Local 219
Stephenson County Board
Stockton Village
Teamsters Local 325
Thomson Village Board of Trustees
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Tri-County Economic Development Alliance
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council Local 30
Western Illinois University
Whiteside County Board
Whiteside County Economic Development & Enterprise Zone

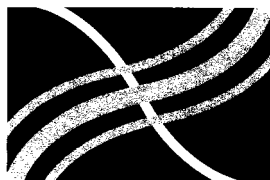
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Chicago Tribune, Editorial: *Gitmo, Illinois* (Nov. 17)
Chicago Sun Times, Editorial: *Quinn right to back Thomson* (Dec. 16)
Chicago Sun Times, Editorial: *Don't Let Fear Decide Fate of Gitmo Inmates* (Nov. 17)
Daily Herald, Editorial: *Get Politics Out of Prison Discussion* (Nov. 18)
Decatur Herald & Review, Editorial: *Prison Sale Doesn't Deserve Fear Mongering* (Dec. 20)
Decatur Herald & Review, Editorial: *State Should Sell Thomson Prison* (Nov. 17)
Dispatch/Rock Island Argus, Editorial: *Yes to Federal Prisoners* (Nov. 16)
Freeport Journal-Standard, Editorial: *Playing Politics with Thomson* (Nov. 17)
Jacksonville Journal-Courier, Editorial: *Transfer of Terror Suspects Holds Potential Benefits* (Nov. 19)
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December 16, 2009

Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

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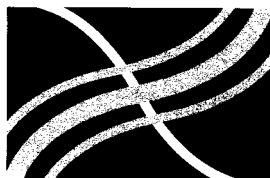
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December 16, 2009

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November 25, 2009

The Honorable Patrick Quinn
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield IL 62706

Dear Governor Quinn:

On behalf of the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, I write in support of the Federal Government's potential acquisition and activation of the Thomson Correctional Facility located in Thomson, Illinois.

The Illinois Quad City Chamber, one of the largest business organizations in Northwest Illinois, is dedicated to supporting economic growth and a prosperous business climate in the Quad City region. The Chamber has supported the activation of the Thomson Correctional Facility since it was built in 2001 by the State of Illinois as a state-of-the-art, maximum-security prison to house the most severe criminal offenders. The Thomson Facility is very well equipped to meet, if not exceed, expectations to become a federal maximum security prison. The facility was constructed on a 146-acre reservation with eight compartmentalized 200-cell units designed for maximum inmate supervision and control. Security features include:

- Dual-sided electrical stun fencing capable of carrying 7,000 volts;
- 312 cameras on a fiber optic surveillance network with motion detection and remote monitoring capabilities;
- 26 non-contact visiting rooms; and
- Armed outer and inner perimeter towers.

Activation of the Thomson Correctional Facility will not only meet the federal government needs, but it will also create a much needed positive economic impact throughout our region. Recent analysis estimates that Federal operation of the Thomson facility would generate between 2,340 and 3,250 ongoing jobs. These would include both direct, well-paying Federal jobs at the facility, as well as indirect jobs in the surrounding region. The Quad Cities, with a population near 400,000 people located 45 minutes south of Thomson, has a well skilled and experienced workforce over 200,000 people. With a 10% unemployment rate in the region, many workers could be available for these positions. In addition there are 33 colleges and universities within a 90 mile radius of the Quad Cities, which provide well educated and trained law enforcement professionals. According to the Chamber's most recent college graduate inventory, over 595 college students graduate annually with a Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement degree from area universities.

The Illinois Quad City Chamber supports the federal acquisition and activation of Thomson Correctional Facility. Please feel free to contact me at (309) 757-5416 if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Rick Baker
President/CEO

November 25, 2009



The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
U.S. Department of Defense
c/o Mr. Phillip Carter
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Detainee Policy)
The Pentagon, Room 5C719
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Gates:

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The Illinois Quad City Chamber, one of the largest business organizations in Northwest Illinois, is dedicated to supporting economic growth and a prosperous business climate in the Quad City region. The Chamber has supported the activation of the Thomson Correctional Facility since it was built in 2001 by the State of Illinois as a state-of-the-art, maximum-security prison to house the most severe criminal offenders. The Thomson Facility is very well equipped to meet, if not exceed, expectations to become a federal maximum security prison. The facility was constructed on a 146-acre reservation with eight compartmentalized 200-cell units designed for maximum inmate supervision and control. Security features include:

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Activation of the Thomson Correctional Facility will not only meet the federal government needs, but it will also create a much needed positive economic impact throughout our region. Recent analysis estimates that Federal operation of the Thomson facility would generate between 2,340 and 3,250 ongoing jobs. These would include both direct, well-paying Federal jobs at the facility, as well as indirect jobs in the surrounding region. The Quad Cities, with a population near 400,000 people located 45 minutes south of Thomson, has a well skilled and experienced workforce over 200,000 people. With a 10% unemployment rate in the region, many workers could be available for these positions. In addition there are 33 colleges and universities within a 90 mile radius of the Quad Cities, which provide well educated and trained law enforcement professionals. According to the Chamber's most recent college graduate inventory, over 595 college students graduate annually with a Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement degree from area universities.

The Illinois Quad City Chamber supports the federal acquisition and activation of Thomson Correctional Facility. Please feel free to contact me at (309) 757-5416 if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Rick Baker
President/CEO

November 25, 2009



The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
c/o Mr. Harley Lappin
Director, Bureau of Prisons
Room 654, Holc Building
320 First Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20534

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Whereas the jobs generated by establishing the federal operation are expected to produce a cumulative economic impact of \$793 million to \$1 billion within four years for the Quad Cities region;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce supports the federal acquisition and activation of the Thomson Correctional Center and welcomes the associated regional economic growth.

Adopted and approved on December 17, 2009.

Quad Cities First

Resolution Adopted by the Quad Cities First Board of Directors in support of the federal government's purchase and operation of the Thomson Correctional Center

Whereas Quad Cities First is charged with attracting and growing businesses and jobs throughout western Illinois and eastern Iowa; and

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Adopted and approved on 9th day, December 2009



Quad Cities First

December 22, 2009

Senator Jeff Schoenberg, Co-Chairman
Representative Richard Myers, Co-Chairman
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Chairman Schoenberg, Chairman Myers and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce and Quad Cities First, I want to thank the federal, state, and local officials involved in the activation of the Thomson Correctional Facility.

I am the President/CEO of the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, which is one of the largest business organizations in Northwest Illinois, and Co-CEO of Quad Cities First, which is the regional economic development organization for the Quad Cities region. The Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Quad Cities First Board of Directors passed resolutions to "support the federal acquisition and activation of the Thomson Correctional Center and welcome the associated regional economic growth."

The federal activation of the Thomson Correctional Facility is the single largest job and economic development project for Northwest Illinois in recent history. We look forward to the estimated 3,100 to 3,800 permanent jobs and 780-850 construction jobs that will be created as a result of the new federal prison. These jobs and the estimated \$1 billion economic impact will provide a much needed boost to our region.

With a population of 475,000, the Quad Cities region is the closest and largest metropolitan statistical area to Thomson, IL. As such I extend not only our appreciation, but offer the Illinois Quad City Chamber's assistance to the federal, state, and local governments in locating the needed workforce, contractors, and businesses needed to open and support the Thomson federal prison. The Quad Cities, located 45 minutes south of Thomson, has a well skilled and experienced workforce with over 200,000 people. With a 10% unemployment rate in Rock Island County, many workers could be available for these positions. Our region also has a strong construction and trades industry to complete any necessary renovations at the Thomson facility. In addition there are 40 colleges and universities within a 90 mile radius of the Quad Cities, which provide well educated and trained law enforcement professionals. According to the Chamber's most recent college graduate inventory, over 595 college students graduate annually with a Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement degree from area universities.

For those federal employees and soldiers new to Northwest Illinois, the Quad City region offers many housing options and is prepared to welcome an influx of new residents. The Illinois Quad City Chamber is ready to offer relocation guides with important housing, school, community, and quality of life information for the region.

The Illinois Quad City Chamber and Quad Cities First look forward to working closely with local, state, and federal officials to assist in identifying all the required resources for the activation of Thomson Prison to be successful. Please feel free to contact me at (309) 757-5416 if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



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President/CEO

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November 25, 2009

Andrew Ross
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of Governor Pat Quinn
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph- Suite 16- 100
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Andrew Ross:

I am writing this letter to express my support for the proposed acquisition of the Thomson Correctional Facility in Illinois by the Federal Bureau of Prisons. I currently serve as a Business Representative for the Painters, Drywall Finishers and Glaziers Union of District Council 81, and I urge your support to make the Thomson Correctional Facility a federal maximum security prison.

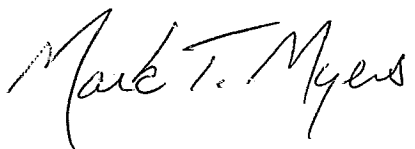
I began serving as a Business Representative in 1999 and in 2000 I was involved with the construction process at Thomson Correctional Facility. I witnessed firsthand the excitement shown by residents and business owners anticipating the opening of Thomson Prison, which would deliver a great economic stimulus to their town. But as you are aware of, it would be many, many years before anyone would benefit from this project.

The proposed acquisition of the Thomson Correctional Facility would be absolutely beneficial in creating job opportunities for many of the unemployed. I have been informed that a preliminary economic analysis indicates that over 3,000 jobs will be created with this proposal.

I have also heard of the safety concerns that many in the community have if this project were to take place. I have full confidence in the security presence that will be in place and I trust the federal government will do everything in their power to ensure our communities are safe.

I am fully committed to the federal acquisition of the Thomson Facility and will support any effort to make this proposal a reality.

Sincerely,

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Mark T. Myers
Business Representative
District Council 81
Glaziers Local Union 581
Painters Local Union 502 & Painters Local Union 676



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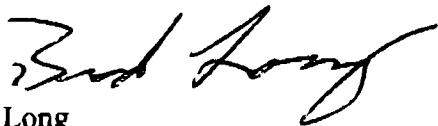
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Brad Long
President
N.W.I.B.C.T.C

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November 23, 2009

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415 S. Mulford Rd.
Rockford, IL 61108

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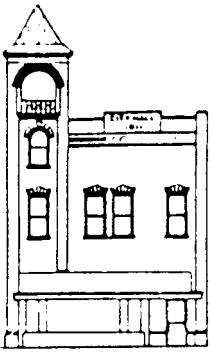
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City Of Mount Carroll

City Hall

302 North Main Street
Mount Carroll, Illinois 61053
815-244-4424

November 25, 2009

Teresa K. Kurtenbach
Northwest Regional Manager
Office of Regional Outreach
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
1830 2nd Avenue – Suite 200
Rock Island, IL 61201

Dear Ms. Kurtenbach,

The Mount Carroll City Council unanimously adopted a resolution in support of the purchase and occupation of the Thomson Correctional Center by the Department of Defense and the Bureau of Prisons.

Mount Carroll and Carroll County have been anticipating the opening of this prison for several years. Our community is very distressed. We see at least one house in each block of town either for sale or under foreclosure. Several thousand jobs will obviously have a staggering positive impact on our community as well as the whole Northwest Illinois geography.

Your support in making this project happen would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at any time if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl R. Bates".

Carl R. Bates
Mayor
City of Mount Carroll, Carroll County, Illinois
815-244-4424 – City Hall
815-275-1462 – Cell Phone
e-mail: mtc Carroll@grics.net

Resolution on the Proposed Sale of Thomson Correctional Center

WHEREAS, Safety and security always has been and always will be our top priority.

WHEREAS, The Thomson Correction Center, a state-of-the-art, maximum-security prison, has been virtually vacant for the past eight years.

WHEREAS, The federal Bureau of Prisons has recently toured and is considering possibly buying the maximum-security facility and leasing a small portion to the Department of Defense to house a limited number of detainees.

WHEREAS, The federal Bureau of Prisons has said it would operate Thomson with its most restrictive conditions, and that additional security measures would be added to make it the most secure federal prison in the United States.

WHEREAS, The sale of Thomson to the federal government would generate a tremendous economic boost for our entire region during the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression.

WHEREAS, The opening of Thomson by the federal government could create more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs throughout the region and an estimated \$1 billion in economic activity in just the first four years of operation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mount Carroll unanimously supports the potential purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center by the federal Bureau of Prisons.

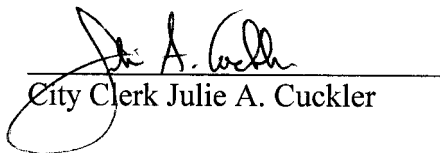
PASSED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mount Carroll, Illinois, this 24th day of November, 2009.

APPROVED:



Mayor Carl R. Bates

ATTEST:


City Clerk Julie A. Cuckler

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November 23, 2009

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Dear Ms. Kurtenbach:

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The Northwest Illinois region is burdened with high unemployment due to the recent downturn in the economy and job creation resulting from using the nearly-idle but like-new facilities would be significant and long lasting providing a huge economic stimulus across the region. Our current unemployment numbers continue to climb above 10% and the Federal and DOD jobs along with large numbers of indirect jobs resulting would be very much appreciated by communities all across Northern Illinois.

Dixon is the site of Illinois' Dixon Correctional Center created by the Department of Corrections over 25 years ago. We are very familiar with having a correctional facility in our community and can honestly say that they are a great employer, neighbor and economic engine. We wholeheartedly support the proposal to convey the facility to the Federal Government and its uses as described in briefing materials and the media.

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Staff:

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John R. Thompson

Administrative Asst.

Kaye King

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December 21, 2009

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Washington, D.C. 20510

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State of Illinois
Before the City Council of the City of Lanark
Resolution

A Resolution in Support of United States Federal Bureau of Prisons Purchasing the
Thomson Correctional Center to Operate a Federal Prison at Said Location.

WHEREAS, the Thomson Correctional Center was built and completed in 2001 as a maximum security correctional facility to be operated by the State of Illinois; and

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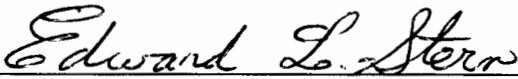
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lanark recognizes that Carroll County is in need of economic growth and development and the opening and full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center would help to stimulate economic growth and create jobs within Carroll County; and

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WHEREAS, the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons has expressed an interest in purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center to fully operate a federal prison at said location, thus creating jobs for Carroll County and stimulating economic growth for Carroll County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANARK that it hereby supports the potential purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Passed this 1st day of December, 2009 by the City Council of the City of Lanark.


Mayor

AYES: Kocal, Fehlhafer, Lindsay, Strohecker

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Weaver, Macomber

State of Illinois)
)ss.
County of Carroll)

I, Jackie Hawbecker, City Clerk of the City of Lanark, State of Illinois, keeper of the records and files thereof in accordance with law, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was passed by the City Council of the City of Lanark at its regular meeting held in Lanark, Illinois on the date aforesaid in accordance with law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Lanark, Illinois this 1st day of December, A.D. 2009.



Jackie Hawbecker
Jackie Hawbecker - City Clerk



Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority

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November 23, 2009

Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Quinn:

The Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority supports the acquisition of the Thomson Correctional Center by the Bureau of Prisons and the lease of the prison to the Department of Defense to house detainees.

The acquisition would bring federal funding full circle. The prison was proposed for construction at the Savanna Army Depot by then-Gov. Jim Edgar in April 1998 to replace jobs lost when the base closed. The base was selected for closure in 1995 when the installation employed approximately 425 people, down from the more than 7,000 during WWII.

Gov. Edgar reassigned the prison to Thomson in July 1998. The depot closed in March 2000.. The opportunity to fully utilize this prison and again have a substantial influx of federal funds into the region's economy--an estimated \$790 million to \$1.09 billion over the first four years—is a must for the region affected by the base closure.

There were risks associated when the then-open Depot was the nation's largest ordnance depot, when it housed a unit of Italian POWs during WWII and when it was used to store nuclear weapons in the 1960s and 1970s. The region was willing, and for the most part, proud to support the national security/war efforts then. It would be proud to join forces with the Bureau of Prisons and Department of Defense to assure national security today. It is proud to have a US Senator and a Governor who understand the economic needs of this region and are willing to implement a plan to help meet the needs of people in this state and nation. Please rest assured that you have the support of the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority for the sale of the Thomson prison to the Bureau of Prisons and subsequent lease to the Department of Defense.

Sincerely yours,

Diane M. Komiskey
Executive Director

Cc: Theresa Kurtenbach, Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

Our goal: Provide economic growth, create quality employment; improve property values.
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December 22, 2009

Hearing on the Closure of the Thomson Correctional Center Held by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability Testimony

My name is Diane M. Komiskey. I am the executive director of the Jo-Carroll Depot Local Redevelopment Authority, the "LRA." The eight-man LRA Board was created by Jo Daviess and Carroll counties. The LRA is the federally recognized agency with the authority to receive from the Army nearly 3,000 acres now known as the Savanna Depot Park at the former 13,062-acre Savanna Army Depot. The LRA is responsible for overseeing and implementing reuse of the Savanna Depot Park for economic development purposes.

The Savanna Depot Park is in a rural area of the two counties, 20 miles north of the Thomson Correctional Center. At its peak during WWII, the Depot employed 7,195 workers. In the 1950s, it was the largest ordnance depot in the nation. From 1961-1975, it housed nuclear weapons. Workers handled, processed, and stored munitions, explosives and industrial chemicals. They loaded artillery shells, conventional and special lightweight bombs and renovated, demolished and disposed of munitions components. Conservatively, 250 students per year from the U.S. and foreign countries received technical training at the Depot.

Were risks associated with work at the Depot on behalf of the nation's defense? Absolutely. Were the people of northwest Illinois afraid to take those risks? Absolutely not. The soldiers and civilians I've met speak with overwhelming pride in having contributed at the Savanna Army Depot to national security.

The Depot's mission ended March 18, 2000. Why? In 1995, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission selected the Savanna Army Depot Activity for closure. The Depot then provided 423 jobs and had an annual payroll of \$16 million. The direct and indirect economic activity was estimated at \$35.5 million annually.

Ideas blossomed for reusing the Depot. The LRA sought an anchor tenant to spur redevelopment.

Then-Governor Jim Edgar in April 1998 chose the Depot as the site for a maximum security prison. The 450 state employees were to replace the federal jobs lost when the base closed. However, in late July 1998, the Governor bowed to pressure to construct the prison at Thomson.

Since then, disappointment has followed disappointment. In the absence of the prison as an anchor tenant, reuse of the installation has been hindered by the pace of environmental cleanup, challenged by the Depot's rural location and impeded by bureaucracy. An enterprise zone, foreign trade zone and HUBZone help. The existence of a shortline railroad and spur on the BNSF Railway are significant.

Today, nearly 15 years after it was selected for closure and nearly 10 years after it closed, with more than 80 percent of the property under contract, only 35 percent of the 3,000 acres have been conveyed to the LRA so it can sell that property at below-market rates to stimulate economic development. In November, 55 full-time jobs were held at the Depot.

The Thomson Correctional Center has been a good neighbor to the LRA. Minimum-security unit work crews have helped maintain and improve property marketed by the LRA in the Savanna Depot Park. It would have been wonderful if that relationship could have continued.

It would have been wonderful if AFSCME had joined northwest Illinois residents and their friend in Springfield, Rep. Jim Sacia, in our attempts to fully open the Thomson prison years ago. It would be wonderful if the state could afford to fully operate the prison and state jobs would be available for the good people who counted on them.

It would be wonderful if Illinois was not facing what The Pew Center on the States said is "among the worst budget gaps in the country." It would be wonderful if the State could count on growing its way out of this budget shortfall with increased revenues from corporate income tax revenues.

This is the season of wonders, but reality plays Scrooge. Your November briefing substantiates what we who work in economic development in northwest Illinois know. Illinois businesses are struggling. Attracting new ones is challenging, especially in northwest Illinois with business

friendly Iowa nearby.

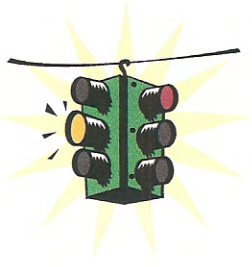
It would be wonderful if the General Assembly would make the state more attractive to businesses. If that happened today, it nevertheless would take years to fill the budget hole.

Illinois cannot afford to turn down the incredible opportunity being offered by President Obama. Whether the prison employs current residents or attracts younger people to the region, it's a plus for northwest Illinois. Whether 100, 300 or 3,000 federal jobs are created by the Bureau of Prisons at Thomson, it's a plus for northwest Illinois. Whether the Department of Defense has 500, 1,000 or 1,500 people assigned to northwest Illinois for detainee-related work, it's a plus for northwest Illinois.

Please, do as the LRA said in letters of support and a resolution: Sell the Thomson Correctional Center to the Bureau of Prisons. Open the door for the Department of Defense to lease a portion of the prison. Return to northwest Illinois the flow of federal funds that left the region with the closing of the Savanna Army Depot.

Thank you.

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THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY 30 COALITION

"Supporting Highway 30 four-lane expansion in Whiteside County, Illinois"

United States Senator Richard Durbin
309 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

The Illinois U.S. Route 30 Coalition fully supports the federal government's effort to open the Thomson Correctional Facility. The economic impact of opening the facility will provide a much needed boost to our local economy and high unemployment rate. The residents of Whiteside and Carroll County have waited far too long for the opening of the correctional facility. We have seen school consolidation, businesses fold, and citizens move away because the prison has stood empty. We need this for our area and now is the time.

The opening of the Thomson Correctional Facility will provide an additional push showcasing the need for a safe, secure, and modern four lane highway (U.S. Route 30) for Whiteside and Carroll County.

We greatly appreciate your leadership and effort in moving this project forward from an idea to a reality.

Sincerely,

Eric Johnson
U.S. Route 30 Coalition

Heather Bennett
U.S. Route 30 Coalition

Village of Hanover
P. O. Box 12A . Hanover, Il 61041

A resolution in support of United States Federal Bureau of Prisons purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center to operate a federal prison at said location.

WHEREAS, the Thomson Correctional Center was built and completed in 2001 as a maximum security correctional facility to be operated by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the expected opening and full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center by the State of Illinois was to provide jobs and economic development to Northwest Illinois, and surrounding area; and


WHEREAS, the Village of Hanover recognizes that our area is in need of economic growth and development and the opening and full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center would help to stimulate economic growth and create jobs in Northwest Illinois and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, due to budgetary constraints and lack of adequate funding, has been unable since 2001 to appropriate ample funds for the full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center, and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons has expressed an interest in purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center to fully operate a federal prison at said location, thus creating jobs for Northwest Illinois and the surrounding area and stimulating economic growth for Northwest Illinois and the surrounding area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER that it supports the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center to operate a federal prison at said location.

Passed this 24th day of November, 2009 by the Hanover Village Board.

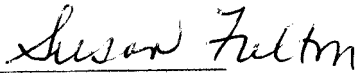

Donald Schaible, Mayor

State of Illinois)
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Village of Hanover)

I, Susan Fulton, Village Clerk for Village of Hanover, State of Illinois, keeper of the records and files thereof in accordance with law, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was passed by the Village of Hanover at a special meeting held at Hanover, Illinois on the 24th day of November, 2009.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at my office at Hanover, Illinois this 27th day of November, A.D. 2009.

(Seal)



Susan Fulton
Hanover Village Clerk

cc:
Senator Richard Durbin
Office of the Governor
Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense
Eric Holder, Attorney General
Teresa Kurtenbach, NW Regional Outreach
Representative Jim Sacia
Senator Tim Bivens
Congressman Don Manzullo



Hanover Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 46 • Hanover, IL 61041

Hanover Chamber of Commerce

Hanover, IL

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HANOVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE that it supports the United States Federal Bureau of Prison purchasing the Thomson Correction Center to operate a federal prison at said location.

Passed this 24th day of November, 2009 by the members of the Hanover Chamber of Commerce.

Deatra Aadson, President



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Teresa K. Kurtenbach
Northwest Regional Manager
Office of Regional Outreach
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
1830 2nd Ave- Suite 200
Rock Island, IL 61201

RE: Thomson Prison

Dear Ms. Kurtenbach:

The Greater Sterling Development Corporation, a 501(c)(3), responsible for the economic development and growth in Sterling, Illinois, is in complete support of the Federal Bureau of Prisons purchase of the Thomson Prison in Thomson, Illinois.

We represent the largest community in Whiteside County. Our Board of Directors is comprised of 15 business people from all different backgrounds including: healthcare, private enterprise, education, government etc. We believe the opening of Thomson Prison, and the subsequent jobs created, will greatly benefit Northwest Illinois, Whiteside County and the Greater Sterling region.

As you are aware, our county unemployment is over 10.5%. We need good paying jobs that will not be shipped overseas. We need skilled positions with benefits and retirement packages. The Thomson prison will benefit us greatly and give us many of the things we need.

Please join us as we support Mayor Hebel, Carroll County and the people of Northwest Illinois in the opening of the Thomson Prison. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (815) 625-5255 or hsotelo@sterlingdevelopment.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather A. Sotelo
Executive Director

Resolution No. R-09-15

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED SALE OF THE
THOMSON CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

WHEREAS, Safety and security always has been and always will be our top priority.

WHEREAS, The Thomson Correction Center, a state-of-the-art, maximum-security prison, has been virtually vacant for the past eight years.

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WHEREAS, The federal Bureau of Prisons has said it would operate Thomson with its most restrictive conditions, and that additional security measures would be added to make it the most secure federal prison in the United States.

WHEREAS, The sale of Thomson to the federal government would generate a tremendous economic boost for our entire region during the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression.

WHEREAS, The opening of Thomson by the federal government could create more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs throughout the region and an estimated \$1 billion in economic activity in just the first four years of operation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Galena unanimously supports the potential purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center by the federal Bureau of Prisons.

Passed this 23rd day of November, A.D., 2009.

AYES:

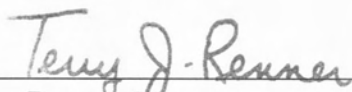
Fach, Greene, Hahn,
Lincoln, Murdock, Murphy,
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NAYS:

None

ABSENT


None



Terry Renner, Mayor

ATTESTATION:

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the City Council of Galena, Illinois, at a meeting held on October 8, 2007.



Mary Beth Hyde, City Clerk



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**The Honorable Pat Quinn
JRTC, 100 West Randolph
Suite 16-100
Chicago, IL 60601**

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL PURCHASE OF THE THOMSON
CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

Dear Governor Quinn,

As the City Council for the City of Fulton IL, we send our unanimous support for your leadership in securing approval for federal purchase of the Thomson Center. As a neighboring community, we offer quality housing, excellent schools and glorious recreational opportunities to help attract quality employees for the facility.

Fulton's historic downtown and dutch heritage, which have been greatly supported by State of Illinois grants, contribute greatly to the quality of life for the region. Nearby hospitals, college campuses and thousands of acres of water and wildlife add even more opportunities.

Sent this 24th day of November, 2009 on behalf of the City of Fulton,

**Larry W. Russell
Mayor, City of Fulton**

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF STEPHENSON) SS.
CITY OF FREEPORT)

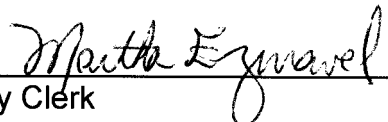
CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

I, Martha E. Zuravel, do certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Freeport, Stephenson County, Illinois, and as such official I am the keeper of all city records, ordinances, and resolutions, and the originals of the attached document on file in my office.

I do further certify that the following resolution constitutes a full, true and correct copy from the proceedings of the regular meeting of the Corporate Authorities held on December 7, 2009, insofar as same relates to the adoption of a resolution numbered and entitled:

**RESOLUTION #R- 2009-109
RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED SALE OF
THOMSON CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th Day of December, 2009



City Clerk

Seal

**RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED SALE OF
THOMSON CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

RESOLUTION NO. R-2009-109

WHEREAS, safety and security always has been and always will be our nation's top priority; and

WHEREAS, the Thomson Correctional Center is a state-of-the-art, maximum-security prison owned by the State of Illinois, and has been virtually vacant for the past eight years; and

WHEREAS, the federal Bureau of Prisons has recently toured the facility with U.S. Senator Dick Durbin and other Members of the Illinois and Iowa Congressional Delegations and is considering buying the maximum-security facility from the State of Illinois and leasing a small portion to the Department of Defense to house a limited number of detainees; and

WHEREAS, the federal Bureau of Prisons has said it would operate Thomson with its most restrictive conditions, additional security measures would be added to make it the most secure federal prison in the United States, and that no visitation rights would be afforded to federal detainees with the exception of their U.S.-appointed legal representation; and

WHEREAS, the Thomson Correctional Center, located in Carroll County, is approximately 45 miles southwest of Freeport, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Thomson Correctional Center is within the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Western Division, which is headquartered in the City of Rockford, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, President Obama and his Administration have clearly stated that federal detainees will not be involved in court proceedings, hearings, or tribunals within the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division District Court; and

WHEREAS, in the event that federal policy changes to allow court proceedings, hearings, or tribunals within the Northern District Illinois, Western Division District Court, that the U.S. Federal Government has given its assurances that all federal resources would be made available to ensure and provide for the safety and security of the citizens of the area; and

WHEREAS, if in the future a detainee is tried, convicted, and serves his/her time, the federal government has given assurances that under no

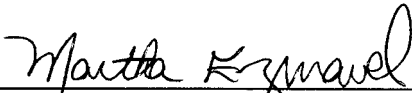
circumstance would a detainee be released on U.S. soil, but rather the sentence would mandate deportation upon release; and

WHEREAS, the sale of Thomson to the federal government would generate a tremendous economic boost for our Northwest Illinois region during the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, the White House Council of Economic Advisors have determined that the opening of Thomson by the federal government could create more than 3,800 direct and indirect jobs through the region and an estimated \$1 billion in economic activity in just the first four years of operation.

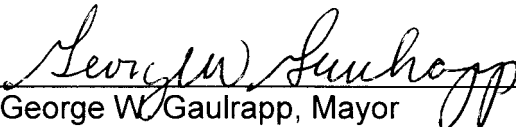
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS that, provided the aforementioned security and safety assurances by the federal government, and given the positive economic impact to the northwest Illinois region and the State of Illinois through the full utilization of the Thomson Correctional Center, we do hereby support the potential purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center by the federal Bureau of Prisons, and direct the City Clerk to forward this resolution to the Governor of the State of Illinois, our U.S. Congressional delegation, and the President of the United States.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS this 17th day of December, 2009.



Martha E. Zuravel, City Clerk

APPROVED this 8th day of December, 2009.



George W. Gaulrapp, Mayor



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November 23, 2009

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1830 2nd Avenue, Suite 200
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Dear Ms. Kurtenbach:

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Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry
John R. Thompson
President/CEO

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December 21, 2009

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and Commission Members
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706
Washington, D.C. 20510

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THOMSON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

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December 1, 2009

Ms. Teresa K. Kurtenbach
Northwest Regional Manager
Office of Regional Outreach
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
1830 2nd Avenue – Suite 200
Rock Island, IL 61201

Dear Ms. Kurtenbach,

The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters fully supports the purchase and occupation of the Thomson Correctional Center by the Department of Defense and the Bureau of Prisons.

The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters represents members who reside in and around the surrounding area of Thomson, IL. The economic boost of the federal government owning and operating the correctional center will be tremendous to the Northwest Illinois region. Many of our members must travel outside the region to find work. The impact of the purchase will spur economic development, jobs, and a higher quality of life.

Your support in the decision making process of making this acquisition happen will be greatly appreciated. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Best Regards,

Frank Libby

President

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Resolution on the Proposed Sale of Thomson Correctional Center

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BE IT RESOLVED, that (community or board) ~~unanimously~~ supports the potential purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center by the federal Bureau of Prisons.

Passed Dec. 7, 2009

*Zelma McNeal, Village President
Board member: 5 yrs, 1 yr*

November 22, 2009

Teresa K. Kurtenbach
Northwest Regional Manager
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Rock Island, IL 61201

Dear Teresa,

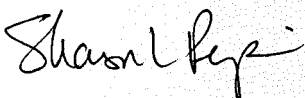
Thank you very much for providing me with information on the Thomson Correctional Facility and on the Federal Government's potential acquisition of the vacant facility.

As you know, I work with many communities in Jo Daviess, Carroll and Ogle Counties, doing planning, grant writing and general economic development activities. I recently held a Legislative Roundtable with area legislators and community leaders and the Thomson Prison was a topic of discussion. I provided a Petition of Support for the Thomson Correctional Facility, which was signed by many of the elected officials in attendance. Attached is the signed petition form for your use; I included a second cover sheet to identify the community each elected official represented. Please forward this letter and the petition form to those who need to know that area elected officials and businesses are in support of the acquisition by the Federal Government.

It is truly sad to know that the Thomson Correctional Facility, being such a state-of-the-art facility, has sat empty for more than 8 years. I have seen, and am very well aware of the distressed economic conditions faced by many of the communities in this region. The purchase and use of the correctional facility will create a huge economic impact and can only result in positive things.

As a parent of two kids and a small business owner, I know this is a good opportunity for the area. Thank you so much for your hard work in keeping people informed. If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sharon L. Pepin

PETITION OF SUPPORT

THOMSON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

| NAME - TITLE | ADDRESS |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Edmund L. Quinn</i> - LRA | 403 E. Lincoln Mt. Carroll |
| Bill SPARBOR LRA | 1000 E. BENTON, MT. C. |
| John Major LRA | old Galena Trail Mt. Carroll |
| Bill Wright LRA | 1600 E. Lincoln Savanna |
| Joe T. Buckner Jr. UP. | 419 W. Main St. Dakota |
| Steven Loomis VT | 417 PEARL ST. WARREN |
| J M Loria | 50 W Douglas Freepat |
| CARYL BUFORD | P O Box 161 ORANGEVILLE |
| Tim BIVINS | 629 N. GALENA Dixon |
| James E. Stulick | |
| Galen Wult | 74 S Freeman milledgentle 61051 |
| Vicky Trager | 2110 Sandridge Rd Thomson IL 61285 |
| Russ Lips | 1747 Ashby St Thomson, IL 61284 |
| William J. Kobasew | 2200 Arnold Savanna IL 61024 |
| Larry Stelben | 106 Grant St. Savanna IL 61074 |
| Chris Hunsaker | 2000 N. Oakton Rd Savanna 61074 |
| Daryl Sternhagen | 305 S. Madison St Elizabeth IL 61028 |
| Doris Sweezing | 504 S. MAIN Elizabeth IL 61008 |
| Shirley Spunk | 116 Stillborn Ct Warren 61087 |
| Mike Gubler | 601 WEST WILSON. 61087 |
| Don Walsh | 352 Peach E. Dub. 61025 |
| Harry Warner | 905 HIAWATHA DR EDUB |

PETITION OF SUPPORT

THOMSON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

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PETITION

this is a duplicate
listing - ~~one~~ of the
signed petition form.

THOMSON

this list ~~will~~ identifies
the community each
elected official represents.

| NAME - TITLE | Y |
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| Ed Olds, Director | Savanna Depot -Local Redevelopment Authority |
| Bill Sparboe, Director And Alderman | Savanna Depot -Local Redevelopment Authority And City of Mount Carroll |
| John Major, Director | Savanna Depot -Local Redevelopment Authority |
| Bill Wright, Director | Savanna Depot -Local Redevelopment Authority |
| Joe Buckner, President | Village of Dakota |
| Steven Loomis, Trustee | Village of Warren |
| Representative Jim Sacia | District 89 |
| Caryl Buford, Trustee | Village of Orangeville |
| Senator Tim Bivins | District 45 |
| Ronald Strohecker, Alderman | City of Lanark |
| Galen Wirth, President | Village of Milledgeville |
| Vicky Trager, Trustee | Village of Thomson |
| Russ Gies, Trustee | Village of Thomson |
| William Robinson, Alderman | City of Savanna |
| Larry Stebbins, Mayor | City of Savanna |
| Lois Hunsaker, Alderwoman | City of Savanna |
| Daryl Steinhagen, Trustee | Village of Elizabeth |
| Delos Groezinger, Trustee | Village of Elizabeth |
| Wayne Raisbeck, President | Village of Warren |
| Monte Grubbner, Trustee | Village of Warren |
| Dan Welp, Alderman | City of East Dubuque |
| Larry Havner, Alderman | City of East Dubuque |
| Geoff Barklow, Mayor | City of East Dubuque |
| Doug Bergren, Alderman | City of Mount Carroll |
| George Gaulrapp, Mayor | City of Freeport |
| Lou Schau, President | Mt Carroll Community Development Corp. |
| John Swiech, Director | Mt Carroll Community Development Corp. |
| William McFadden, Chairman | Savanna Depot -Local Redevelopment Authority |
| Carl Bates, Mayor | City of Mount Carroll |
| Sharon Pepin, Owner | Community Funding & Planning Services |
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State of Illinois
Before the County Board of Carroll County
Resolution No. _____

A resolution in support of United States Federal Bureau of Prisons purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center to operate a federal prison at said location.

WHEREAS, the Thomson Correctional Center was built and completed in 2001 as a maximum security correctional facility to be operated by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the expected opening and full operation of the Thomson Correction Center by the State of Illinois was to provide jobs and economic development to Carroll County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board recognizes that Carroll County is in need of economic growth and development and the opening and full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center would help to stimulate economic growth and create jobs within Carroll County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, due to budgetary constraints and lack of adequate funding, has been unable since 2001 to appropriate ample funds for the full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons has expressed an interest in purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center to fully operate a federal prison at said location, thus creating jobs for Carroll County and stimulating economic growth for Carroll County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF CARROLL COUNTY that it supports the United States Federal Bureau of Prison purchasing the Thomson Correction Center to operate a federal prison at said location.

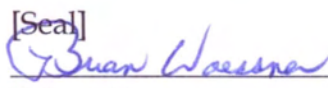
Passed this 19th day of November, 2009 by the County Board of Carroll County.


Chairman

State of Illinois)
) ss
County of Carroll)

I, Brian Woessner, County Clerk for Carroll County, State of Illinois, keeper of the records and files thereof in accordance with law, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution was passed by the Carroll County Board at it regular monthly meeting held at Mt. Carroll, Illinois and the date aforesaid in accordance with law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at my office at Mt. Carroll, Illinois this 19th day of November, A.D. 2009.

[Seal]

Brian Woessner
Carroll County Clerk

Carroll County
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies
Committee (CC CEDS)

209 N. College Street
Mount Carroll, Illinois 61053
815-244-4451

November 24, 2009

Ms Teresa K. Kurtenbach
Northwest Regional Manager
Office of Regional Outreach
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
1830 2nd Ave., Suite 200
Rock Island, IL 61201

Dear Ms. Kurtenbach,

The Carroll County (Illinois) Comprehensive Economic Development Committee (CEDS) wishes to express its strong support for the sale or lease of the Thomson Correctional Facility to the U.S. Government. Our committee represents the municipalities and major economic stakeholders in our county, and we actively promote economic development, business investment and badly needed job creation in our area.

Since the prison was constructed in 2001, CEDS has worked tirelessly to encourage the opening of the Thomson prison. Our county in Northwest Illinois is an economically depressed area with chronically high unemployment. The proposed purchase plan will bring to fruition the goal of countless volunteer hours and result in jobs and investment providing a vital injection of stimulus in our community.

As residents and representatives tasked to promote job creation and business growth in Carroll County, CEDS encourages your positive action to facilitate the Federal purchase of the Thomson maximum security prison.

Yours sincerely,



Nina G. Cooper, Chair
Carroll County (Illinois) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee

BLACKHAWK HILLS



Resource Conservation and Development

Jo Daviess • Stephenson • Carroll • Ogle • Whiteside • Lee

The Honorable Governor Pat Quinn
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

November 24, 2009

Dear Governor Quinn,

The Blackhawk Hills RC&D Council fully supports the purchase and occupation of the Thomson Correctional Center by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Bureau of Prisons (BoP).

It is the mission of the Blackhawk Hills RC&D Council to provide leadership in organizing regional needs and concerns as they relate to the economy, the environment, and society and to enhance local leadership by forming coalitions and partnerships with the many federal, state, and local agencies, groups and organizations to assist in solving needs and concerns. Also serving as the Economic Development District, it is our goal to develop and assist in forming regional partnerships that will enhance job opportunities and improve the quality of life for local communities and our entire region.

The Blackhawk Hills RC&D region includes the Counties of Lee, Whiteside, Ogle, Carroll, Stephenson and JoDaviess. As you are well aware, many of our counties are currently very distressed and would be directly impacted in a positive way by the purchase and occupation of the prison by the DoD and the BoP. There is a quality of life issue that can be resolved only with additional jobs, a higher median income, and increased threshold traffic for local businesses. This is the situation in many surrounding counties, also. Several thousand jobs will obviously have a staggeringly positive impact on our Northwest Illinois geography, and beyond.

Your support at making this project happen will be greatly appreciated. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

William J. Tonne, D.D.S.
Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Council President

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The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense, US Department of Defense
C/O Mr. Phillip Carter
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Detainee Policy)
The Pentagon, Room 5C719
Washington, DC 20301

November 24, 2009

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The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General, US Department of Justice
C/O Mr. Harley Lappin
Director, Bureau of Prisons
Room 654, Hole Bldg.
320 First Street, NW
Washington, DC 20534

November 24, 2009

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The Honorable Richard Durbin
US Senator
309 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

November 24, 2009

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RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED SALE OF THOMSON CORRECTIONAL CENTER

WHEREAS, The Thomson Correctional Center, was built and completed in 2001 as a maximum security correctional facility to be operated by the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the expected opening and full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center by the State of Illinois was to provide jobs and economic development to Northwest Illinois, and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Stockton recognizes that our area is in need of economic growth and development and the opening and full operation of the Thomson Correctional Center would help to stimulate economic growth and create jobs in Northwest Illinois and the surrounding area; and

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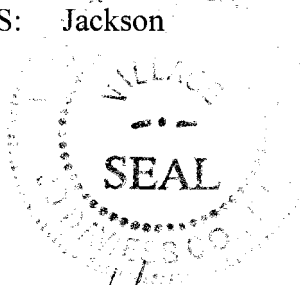
WHEREAS, the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons has expressed an interest in purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center to fully operate a federal prison at said location, thus creating jobs for Northwest Illinois and the surrounding area and stimulating economic growth for Northwest Illinois and the surrounding area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON that it supports the United States Federal Bureau of Prisons purchasing the Thomson Correctional Center to operate a federal prison at said location.

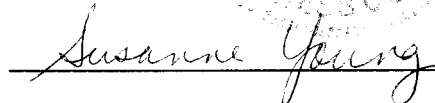
PASSED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois this 7th day of December 2009, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Kunz, Perry, Rowe, Zueger, Douglas

NAYS: Jackson



Attest:



Susanne Young, Village Clerk

APPROVED:


Rodney A. Brandt, Village President

JERRY LACK

STATE REPRESENTATIVE – 71ST DISTRICT

NEWS - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tuesday, December 22, 2009

JERRY LACK STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THOMSON PRISON PLAN
*Urges Illinois to use funding from sell of prison for improvements to other state
correctional facilities and to hire additional correctional officers*

Jerry Lack Democratic candidate for State Representative for the 71st District issued the following statement at the Illinois public hearing supporting the plan to sell the Thomson Correctional Center to the federal government.

“I strongly support the sell of the Thomson Correctional Center to the federal government which will utilize the facility to house federal inmates and a limited number of detainees from Guantanamo Bay.”

“This proposal is a great economic opportunity for both Thomson and the entire region. This plan will create over 2,000 jobs and inject millions of dollars into the area economy. This is an opportunity to create jobs with higher wages and excellent benefits. Furthermore, the transfer of detainees from Guantanamo Bay will in no way jeopardize the safety of citizens.”

“It is a golden opportunity for Illinois to utilize the funds obtained from the sell of the Thomson Correctional Center to renovate and improve other state correctional facilities and hire additional correctional officers. Illinois has long deferred needed improvements to the state correctional facilities because of budget shortfalls. Many of the facilities are aging and in desperate need of repair. More than 45,000 inmates are housed in facilities designed to hold 32,000 inmates. Renovating and improving the overcrowded correctional facilities should be the state’s priority. Illinois should also use some of the revenue obtained from the sell to hire additional correctional officers to ease understaffing at the state correctional centers.”

Resolution on the Proposed Sale of Thomson Correctional Center

WHEREAS, Safety and security always has been and always will be our top priority.

WHEREAS, The Thomson Correction Center, a state-of-the-art, maximum-security prison, has been virtually vacant for the past eight years.

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WHEREAS, The sale of Thomson to the federal government would generate a tremendous economic boost for our entire region during the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression.

WHEREAS, The opening of Thomson by the federal government could create more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs throughout the region and an estimated \$1 billion in economic activity in just the first four years of operation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Mount Carroll unanimously supports the potential purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center by the federal Bureau of Prisons.


24th PASSED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mount Carroll, Illinois, this day of November, 2009.

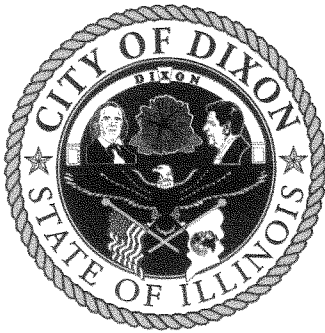
APPROVED:



Mayor Carl R. Bates

ATTEST:


City Clerk Julie A. Cuckler



City of Dixon

P.O. Box 386 • Dixon, Illinois 61021 • Telephone (815) 288-1485
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James G. Burke
Mayor

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Cemetery 284-2904
Fire 288-3323
Police 288-4411
Sewage Treatment 288-3383
Street 284-7743
Water 288-3381

December 21, 2009

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
Sterling, Illinois

Honorable Legislators:

Due to being out of State, I am unable to make comments in person regarding the proposed sale of the Illinois Department of Corrections Thomson Correctional Center to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. However, on December 7th, the Dixon City Council passed, by unanimous vote, a resolution of full support for the proposal to sell the Thomson Correctional Facility to the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be utilized in part for housing detainees from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Sincerely,

CITY OF DIXON

James G. Burke
Mayor

JGB/ks

cc: Dixon City Council
Shawn Ortgiesen
City Attorney

COMMISSIONERS & OFFICERS

Ralph Contreras
Streets & Public Improvements

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Accounts & Finance

Ira G. Kelly
Public Property

David P. Blackburn
Public Health & Safety

Rita A. Crundwell
City Comptroller/Treasurer

Kathe A. Swanson
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2287-09

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Dixon unanimously supports the potential purchase of the Thomson Correctional Center by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

This Resolution read and approved this 7th day of December,
2009.


James G. Burke, Mayor

ATTEST:

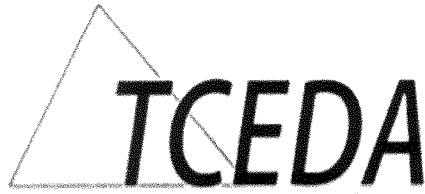

Kathe A. Swanson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

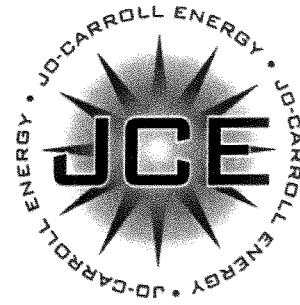
I, KATHE A. SWANSON, the City Clerk of the City of Dixon of the County of Lee, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the books and records of the aforesaid municipality and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by its City Council at a meeting duly convened and held on the 17th day of December, 2009.

Kathe A. Swanson
CITY CLERK

(SEAL)



Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Inc.



State of Illinois

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

Hearing on the Thomson Correctional Center

December 22, 2009 – Sterling, IL

Prepared Remarks of Michael W. Hastings

President and CEO, Jo-Carroll Energy

Chairman, Tri-County Economic Development Alliance

Distinguished commission members, my name is Michael Hastings, and I am the president and CEO of Jo-Carroll Energy, a not-for-profit electric and natural gas cooperative serving Carroll, Jo Daviess and Whiteside counties. I'm also the chairman of TCEDA, the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, a private, not-for-profit agency supporting economic development in the same three-county area.

I am here today on behalf of Jo-Carroll Energy's board of directors and the 18,000 member-owners we serve – and the 23 government agencies and thousands of businesses represented by TCEDA – to relay to you a clear, unified, and unequivocal message: We support this project.

For more than 20 years, the population of our region has steadily declined. Businesses have closed. Our young people have moved away for lack of any opportunity. We were forced to sit by and watch the closing of the Savanna Army Depot – a facility that once employed thousands of people. And while the rest of the nation has gotten a bitter taste of double-digit unemployment during the current recession, Carroll County has endured that pain for many years. And for the few jobs we do have, median incomes are among the lowest in the nation.

More than a decade ago we rejoiced when the state selected Thomson as the site for its new maximum security prison. We improved and expanded schools, utility systems and businesses to prepare for its arrival. And for the past eight-plus years we have waited and hoped that the state would some day put the Thomson Correctional Center to good use. Several opportunities to do that have come and gone. Opportunities that would have reduced overcrowding and security issues at other facilities in the state.

But while the state of Illinois pays to maintain a facility it barely uses, the federal government spends millions to operate a detention facility on foreign soil.

Given that set of circumstances, the sale, transfer and redevelopment of the Thomson prison as a facility for federal inmates and GITMO detainees is a logical way for everybody involved to come out a winner.

That's not a partisan statement, and this shouldn't be a partisan issue. During the last election, both John McCain and Barack Obama said GITMO needed to close. State and local officials in our region from both sides of the aisle have strongly endorsed this plan. They see this proposal for what it is: a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for economic development and job creation in northwest Illinois.

Understandably, a project like this demands thoughtful consideration of safety and security issues. Based on what I have seen so far, it sounds like Carroll County might end up being one of the safest and most secure places in America.

To those who say we're trading security for a payday, I ask you to remember who we built this facility to house. Thomson is a state-of-the art maximum security prison. Its guests were supposed to be the worst of the worst in the state. Violent criminals who have perpetrated deplorable, unspeakable acts against our people.

I have unwavering faith in the brave men and women of our military and law enforcement agencies who have courageously protected our nation since 9/11, and who will continue to keep us safe when this facility opens.

While my family sleeps soundly every night under the blanket of safety they provide, there's another security concern that does keep me up at night – the economic security of our region. By now you've heard all the statistics in the White House report - 3,000-plus jobs and a billion dollars in new economic activity over the first four years.

In an era where large numbers get thrown around casually, it's easy to lose sight of what those statistics really mean. As CEO of a locally-owned utility, I see first hand every day the hardships of the people of northwest Illinois. Honest, hard-working folks who live paycheck to paycheck and struggle to pay their bills and keep their homes warm.

These are the people you should worry about when making this choice. You have a chance to improve their lives immeasurably. To put them to work – not just at the prison, but at all the businesses that will expand or open to serve the new neighbors who will move to our region.

While the Thomson facility is severely under-utilized, we know there are some Department of Corrections employees who will be affected by this plan. They are our friends, neighbors and relatives, and we will not let them be put out of work. The federal acquisition would present new and different guard and administrative opportunities at the Thomson facility. And local growth as a result of the acquisition would present numerous law enforcement, administrative and security opportunities throughout the region – many perhaps better than those at Thomson today.

Terrorists want us to live in terror. They prey on one of our most basic of instincts – fear – to manipulate us into doing things we would not otherwise do. We built a prison in Thomson to house evil people. Today we have a chance to put that facility to good use while creating new jobs and sending a strong message in the war on terror. We can't let fear triumph over common sense. If we do, the terrorists get exactly what they want.

On behalf of Jo-Carroll Energy, the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, and the thousands of honest, hard-working folks they represent, I urge you to let logic rule the day. Invest in Northwest Illinois, and put our prison to work serving our country and strengthening our region. Thank you for your time.

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22 December 2009

**To: President Barak Obama
Members of the United States Senate
Members of the United States House of Representatives**

Re. Sale of the Thomson Correctional Center to the Federal Bureau of Prisons

We, the undersigned, Chairpersons of the Republican and Democratic Parties of Carroll County, Illinois, along with over 500 Republicans, Democrats and Independents who have signed the enclosed petition, do hereby express our full support for the sale of the Thomson Correctional Center to the Federal Bureau of Prisons and its partial use by the Department of Defense for the holding of Guantanamo prisoners.

We are not afraid of terrorists. We are patriotic Americans who do not believe that the burden of our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan must only be born by our military. We are willing to stand behind our military even if it does mean taking some risks. Former Marine Commandant General Jones has firmly stated that keeping Guantanamo open is a recruiting tool for el-Qaida. The least we can do for our brave troops is to accept the Gitmo prisoners here.

Our relations with foreign countries have suffered because of Guantanamo. This means less support for our country and more danger for our troops. As proud Americans, we support our rule of law and our troops; shut down Guantanamo and transfer the few remaining prisoners here to the Thomson Correctional Center.

There is no division here along party lines; as Democrats and Republicans, we stand together for what we believe is best for our Country as well as our County and State.

Sincerely,



**Lawrence Bruckner
Chairman
Carroll County Republican Party**

Sincerely



**Gerald Bork
Chairman
Carroll County
Democratic Party**

PETITION

We, the undersigned residents of Carroll County, Illinois express our support for the sale of the Thomson Correctional Center to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Please sign below for your support.

| NAME | CITY / STATE |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Fay D. Kelly | Thomson, IL |
| William Gilson | Morrisson, Ill |
| Christine Brown | Savanna, IL |
| Joseph Brown | Savanna IL |
| John Lane | Thomson, IL |
| Dianna Thum | Thomson IL |
| Patricia A. Sanchez | Savanna IL |
| Edith | Clinton IL |
| Helen Mairand | SAVANNA, IL |
| Keth Mairand | Savanna, IL |
| Leah S. Hastings | SAV IL |
| Shirley Hastings | Sav. IL |
| Hal D. Hoy | Thomson IL |
| Erma E. Hoy | thomson IL |
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| Mary Kiggins | Clinton, IA |
| Rich Fisher | FORMERLY DIXON, IL PRESENT CLINTON, IA |
| Suzanne Bucken | Thomson, IL |
| James Bucken | Thomson, IL |
| Florence Law | Savanna, IL |
| Merle Law | Savanna, IL |
| David L. Lawton | Thomson, IL |
| Les. Bach | Savanna, IL |
| KEITH MAINARD | SAVANNA |
| HELEN MAINARD | SAVANNA |
| ZENDEL ZENDEL | THOMSON |
| Janya Kimple | Clinton, IA |
| Bonnie Howard | Savanna, IL |
| JOHN ASHBY | THOMSON, IL |
| Jennie Murphy | Met. Council |
| Pat Harris | Savanna, IL |

Annex Evans
John Evans

Thomson, IL
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| Suzie Berg | Savanna Il |
| Thomas Robbe | Savanna, Illinois |
| Letha Robbe | Savanna, Il. |
| Gene Marken | Thomson, Il. |
| FL | SAVANNA, IL |
| Thomson | Savanna Il |
| Harley Kelle Longman Kelle | Thomson Il. |
| Anna B. Froese | Thomson, IL |
| Mike & Helen O'Neal | Savanna Il |
| Carol K. Kreschke | Savanna, Il. |
| Daniel Jaschke | Savanna, IL. |
| Jack + Dana Lovell | Clinton, Ia. |
| Allen Heinrich | Savanna Il |
| Robert Auff | Savanna IL |
| Helma Auff | Savanna, Il. |
| Maggie Kline | Thomson, Il |

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| James E Brainer | Luckport IL |
| Arnold Reuber | Freeport IL |
| Edith Reuber | " IL |
| Cynthia M Otters | Savanna IL |
| Paul Davis | Rockton, IL |
| Tommy J. Jell | Rockton, IL |
| Nadine King | Mt. Carroll, IL |
| Marie Boldt | Mt Carroll, IL |
| Allen Miller | Savanna ill |
| Roberta F. Randall | Savanna ill |
| Annette Huffman | Thomson - ill. |
| Dorothy Farnice | Thomson, IL |
| Marjorie H. Hengge | Thomson, IL |
| Shirley Hoel | Burnsion IL |
| Audrey Weaver | Savanna IL |
| Lynne Weaver | Savanna |

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| Paul A. Schreiner | Thomson Ill |
| KEVIN SEYDOL | ERIE, IL. PROPERTY OWNER IN THOMPSON IL. |
| Raymond Remrey | Thomson, Ill |
| Marilyn Remrey | Thomson, Ill |
| Gary D. Hartman | Thomson Ill. |
| Richard M. Nixon | Richard M. Nixon |
| Richy Hutwagner | Shannon, IL |
| John J. [unclear] | 303 1/2 East Street Carroll, IL 61053 |
| Lightstep | Thomson, IL |
| ROA Caff- | Thomson, IL |
| Cid Loebe | Thomson IL |
| Ronald P. Smith | Thomson, Ill 15414A Ingle Rd |
| Aleda Doran | Thomson, IL 61285 |
| Ronald O. Titus | Thomson IL 61285 |
| John G. [unclear] | Thomson Ill 61285 |
| W. [unclear] | Thomson IL |

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| ROBERT C GRAY | Thomson, IL 61245 |
| Rick Dwyer | MT Carroll Ill |
| St. J. L. | SAVANNAH, IL |
| Floyd James Jr. | Savanna, Ill 61074 |
| Amanda Ebrich | Thomson IL |
| Thomas R. Fewell | CHADWICK ILL 61014 |
| Lerald Smith | Thomson Ill 61285 |
| Craig Robinson | Thomson, Ill 61285 |
| Paul G. Moltman | Thomson Ill 61285 |
| Les Mitchell | THOMSON IL. |
| Gary Allen | Thomson IL. |
| Deane Robinson | Thomson Ill. |
| Jennifer L. Rice | Jennifer L. Rice |
| Pat & Bill Wurster | Thomson, Ill |
| Kathleen M. Woodruff | Thomson, Ill. |
| Leo Heeg | Chadwick Ill. |

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| Sue Rod Whiggans | Thomson, IL |
| St. Myll | Thomson IL |
| Joe Elderly | Mt Carroll IL |
| Brad Anderson | Savanna IL |
| Cindy Henderson | SAVANNA, IL. |
| Tommy Back | Thomson IL |
| Robin Foster. | Thomson IL |
| Mike Ferguson | Thomson IL |
| Josh DeNunzio | |
| Ryan Lambert | Chadwick IL |
| Scott French | Thomson, IL |
| Judy Armstrong | Thomson IL |
| Gary Layton | Thomson IL |
| Fred Ell | Mt Carroll |
| Norma Duward | Thomson IL |
| Jim Dybsen | Savanna IL |

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| Jelma McNeal | Chadwick, IL |
| Byron Lambert | CHADWICK IL |
| Josh Stepp | Chadwick, IL |
| Virginia Brunkmeier | Chadwick, IL |
| Peter Rosaceni | CHADWICK, IL |
| David Fogarty | Chadwick, IL |
| Nicole C. Shores | Chadwick, IL |
| William H. Hildreth | Chadwick, IL |
| Kathy Latten | Thomson, IL |
| Keith Kress | Lanark - 061046 |
| Karin Qualtus | Savanna, - IL 61074 |
| Kyle Hux | Thomson, IL |
| Meik Bielenro | Thomson Illinois |
| Barbara A. Kress | Thomson IL |
| Ken Allen | Mc Carroll, IL |

George V. Brown

THOMSON, IL

Pat Carter

FULTON, IL

Brad

Savanna, IL

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| HANNEI FAIR | Moline, IL |
| Marilyn Hartman | Savanna, IL |
| TRAVIS GENDREAU | SAVANNA, IL |
| John C. Parnell | " " |
| Debra Holmes | Savanna IL |
| DAVE F. KROMER | LAKE CARROLL, IL |
| Jack L. Bundy | Savanna IL |
| David W. Arns | Savanna IL |
| Tennis Finnelly | Savanna IL |
| Carl | Savanna IL |
| Scott RLC | Savanna IL |
| Walter Dewart | Savanna IL |
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| Barry Sullens | Thompson IL |
| Tommy Miles | Thompson IL |
| By the | SAVANNA IL |

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| John Ferris | Savanna, IL |
| Darwin Laschelle | Savanna, IL |
| Melinda Ritchie | Savanna IL |
| Linda Schreider | mt Carroll, Ill |
| William S. S. | Savanna, Ill |
| W. S. S. | IL |
| Mark K. | Savanna, IL |
| God Johnson | Savanna IL |
| Samara Dehnb | Savanna IL |
| Alan Hater | Thomson IL |
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| Brandi Kerkove | Savanna, IL |
| John Vernon | Savanna, IL |
| Anthony LaShelle | Savanna, IL |
| Kurt Kosier | X Savanna, IL |
| Larry Beckman | Thorn, IL |
| Steve T. Ray | SABULA IOWA |
| Terry Miller | Savanna IL |
| Michelle Thomas | Sabula IA |
| Cheryl Lawson | Savanna IL |
| Nicole A Gidee | Sabula, IA |
| Larry J. Feltner | Mt. CARROLL |
| Sharon Womack | Savanna IL. |
| Barbara & Casey | Savanna Ill. |
| Blanche Manning | Savanna, Ill. |
| Lisa Taut | Mt Carroll, IL |
| Angela Rickell | Savanna IL |

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| Ramsey Mason | Savanna IL. |
| Jackie McGinnis | Savanna, IL |
| Pat Cawley | Savanna, Ill |
| Marty Kinder | Sav. ILL. |
| El. Beth Kinder | Savanna Ill. |
| Beverly Bell | Savanna IL |
| Bethany A. Bartlett | Savanna IL |
| Brandy Johnson | Savanna IL |
| Karen Tronchese | Savanna IL |
| Ross Miller | Savanna IL |
| John J. Dwyer | SAVANNA IL |
| Brenda Jabra | SAVANNA, IL |
| Josh Thayer | Savanna, IL |
| John C. Miller | SAVANNA, ILL |
| Donna Miller | Lanark, IL |
| Carlye Foster | Thomson, IL |

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| <i>Joseph R. White</i> | Thomson, IL 61285 |
| <i>Alvin D. Bowman</i> | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| <i>Donald J. Sites</i> | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| <i>Orlando Yennery</i> | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| <i>Joseph Green</i> | Savanna IL 61074 |
| <i>Alvin D. Bowman</i> | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| <i>John Miller</i> | Thomson, IL 61285 |
| <i>Ronald D. Swick</i> | |
| <i>Ronald D. Swick</i> | Savanna IL |
| <i>Don Hanfield</i> | Savanna, IL |
| <i>Joe Chasid</i> | Savanna, IL |
| <i>Vince Chasid</i> | Savanna, IL |
| <i>Martha M. Bensi</i> | Savanna, IL |
| <i>Orlando Yennery</i> | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| <i>Jim Richardson</i> | Thomson IL |
| <i>Raymond Farn</i> | Savanna, IL |

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| Tami Houtz | Savanna, Ill. 61074 |
| Sherron Tipton | Sabula, IA |
| Tim Egan | SAVANNA, ILL. |
| Kandi Swanson | Savanna, Ill. |
| Lawrence R. Law Jr. | Clinton, Iowa |
| Edward Mack | Savanna, Ill. |
| Bill Hall | Sabula, IA |
| Jim Daniels | Savanna, Ill. |
| Jim A. Burk | " " |
| Sandra Howard | Clinton, IA |
| Betty Geyer | Thomson, IL |
| Victoria Shaw | SAVANNA, IL |
| Glenda Shaw | Savanna, Ill. |
| Vicki Green | Savanna, Ill. |
| Carl Marshall | Savanna, IL |
| Ronald Hill | Savanna, Ill. |

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| William W. Harts | Savanna, IL |
| Ginnie Shuler | Savanna IL |
| Stanley Penney | Savanna, IL |
| Helen Penney | Savanna, Ill. |
| Ann L. Lapine | SAVANNA IL 61074 |
| Wendy L. Miller | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| Margaret Shivers | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Ruth Hefey | SAVANNA IL 61074 |
| Mary Wolfe | SAVANNA, IL 61074 |
| Louise East | Savanna Ill. |
| Carol L. Lament | MT Carroll |
| William Tittle | Savanna |
| Missy Tittle | Savanna |
| Edward White | Thomson |
| Joseph A. Cruse | Thomson |
| Tony Greene | Savanna |

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| Kari Brown | Savanna - IL |
| Robert D. Collins | Savanna, IL |
| Scott D. Collins | Savanna, IL |
| Robert K. Collins | Savanna, IL |
| Ricky Allen | Mt. Carroll, IL |
| Amey Adkins | Savanna IL |
| B. S. L. | Savanna IL |
| M. S. L. | Savanna IL |
| Kate Fleming | Savanna, IL |
| Yvonne Rouse | Spring Valley, IL |
| Matt Rouse | Spring Valley, IL |
| D. L. L. | Thompson, IL |
| Mary Stebbins | Savanna, IL |
| Theresa R. Little | Savanna, IL |
| Nathan A. R. Little | Savanna, IL |
| John M. L. L. | Rockville, IL |

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| Stacy Harris | Savanna, IL |
| Brenda Preston | Savanna IL |
| Ashley Hamilton | Savanna, IL |
| Ciera Armstrong | Mt. Carroll, IL |
| Joe Kitchin | SAVANNA IL |
| John A Noble | Savanna, IL |
| Barbara Manning | Savanna, IL. |
| Rebecca Kerkove | Savanna IL. |
| Jeff Ca | Mt Carroll |
| Sam Ham | Savanna IL |
| Russell Rosta | Savanna |
| Rebecca | Savanna IL |
| William H. H. H. | Savanna, IL |
| Harold Shorle | Savanna IL. |
| Ronald X Bentley | Savanna IL. |

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| Brett J. Lawson | Savanna IL |
| Jacobi Stittings | Savanna IL |
| Jim Allen | SAVANNA, IL |
| James W. Winters | SAVANNA IL |
| Kimberly A. Mott | Savanna IL |
| Paul Stahl | SAVANNA IL |
| Rhonda Brannon | Savanna IL |
| Randy Brock | THOMSON, IL |
| Eric Christensen | Thomson, IL |
| Dee A. G. | Savanna IL |
| Brandon Brown | SAVANNA IL |
| Robert Schuch | Savanna IL |
| DeVoe | Savanna IL |
| Alexa Zell | Savanna IL |
| Tamara Sipes | Savanna, IL |
| Angie P. R. C. | SAVANNA IL |

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| Jamarrho Schoenman | Savanna, IL. |
| Tully, M. A. K. F. | Savanna IL. |
| W. G. | Savanna IL. |
| Tatiana Loren | Savanna IL |
| Jeff Harder | Savanna |
| Barbi Kertz | Savanna |
| Jim Moore | Thomson, IL. |
| Megan Sedivy | Savanna, IL |
| Patsy Jackson | Savanna, IL. |
| Theresa Siz | Savanna IL. |
| Colleen Hubbard | Savanna |
| K. L. O. H. | Savanna |
| Ken A. Lander | SAVANNA, IL |
| Chelsea Randall | Savanna, IL |
| Chrissy Robinson | SAVANNA, IL |
| Shirley Jackson | Savanna IL |

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| Jan Kelly | SAVANNA IL |
| Decky Daniels | Savanna |
| India St-Aubert | Savanna |
| Charles O'Neil | Savanna |
| Warren Hollinger | Savanna |
| Randy Russell | Savanna IL |
| Wale Wurst | Harmon, IL |
| John Fitts | Savanna, IL |
| Karen Waters | Savanna, IL |
| John Waters | Savanna, IL |
| Don Blott | Savanna, IL |
| Marique Ro Williams | Savanna, IL |
| Ronda Rathje | Savanna, IL |
| David Patten | Savanna, IL |
| Harold Patten | Savanna, IL |

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| Bonnie Engle | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Mary Reiland | Savanna IL 61074 |
| James | Thomson, IL 61285 |
| Tom Cuyler | Thomson IL 61285 |
| CS Poirer | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Sawn Hylafurin | Sabula, Iowa 52070 |
| Tom Ford | Amare IL 61046 |
| Jeff | Mt. Carroll IL 61053 |
| Thomson | Rock Falls, IL 61071 |
| Yak | Frederick, IL |
| Chris Carlson | Mt. Carroll IL 61053 |
| James | Mt. Carroll IL 61053 |
| James Bush | Thomson |
| Bob Miller | Savanna IL |
| Robert Thomas | Sabula, IA |

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| ESTER D. SHALMON | Savanna, Ill. 61074 |
| Lillian Heger | Savanna, Ill. 61074 |
| Manager | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Margaret Magill | Mt. Carroll IL |
| M. G. H. | Savanna IL 61074 |
| John W. Dreyer | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Kathy Fink | Thomson IL 61085 |
| Mary Rannow | Sabula, IA 52070 |
| Rachael Delp | Mt. Carroll IL 61053 |
| John Gundlach | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Jenny Joot | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Laura M. Smith | Mt. Carroll, IL |
| Wesley Henderson | Sav. Ill. 61074 |
| Don Cook | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Corey Sawyer | MT. CARROLL IL 61053 |

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| John H. H. | SALV. IL 61074 |
| Bill Kuntz | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Andrayn Nelson | Savanna, IL |
| Robert L. Miller | Sav IL |
| Mark Maas | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Mary Rife | Savanna, IL |
| Alette Snyder | Savanna IL |
| Sharon Blaskow | McCarroll IL |
| Cherrie Johnson | Savanna IL |
| Mike Jones | Savanna IL |
| Ed Mays | Savanna, IL |
| Joe & Barbara | Savanna, IL |
| Paul Napier | Thomson, IL |
| Carolyn Kennedy | McCarroll IL |
| Edna John M. | Savanna IL |

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| Pat Duffella | Savanna, IL |
| Meritt Beck | Thomson, IL |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | Thomson |
| Bill David | Savanna |
| Mike Budzinski | Savanna |
| Danny Patrick | Savanna |
| Steve Webster | Savanna |
| Jimmy Foster | Savanna IL |
| Jane Klein | Savanna IL 61074 |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | Too Many Savanna |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| <i>[Signature]</i> | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| Ala Callaway | Mt. Carroll, IL 61083 |
| Chasity Sift | Savanna IL |
| Mike Caldwell | Savanna IL |

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| <i>Mich S. Smith</i> | <i>Savanna, IL</i> |
| <i>Gene S. Smith</i> | <i>SAVANNA IL</i> |
| <i>Corey Massie</i> | <i>SAL IL</i> |
| <i>James H. Pettit</i> | <i>Sav, IL</i> |
| <i>Wm. C. W. W. W.</i> | <i>Sav IL</i> |
| <i>Pat Foy</i> | <i>SAVANNA IL</i> |
| <i>Petra Foy</i> | <i>THOMSON, IL</i> |
| <i>Mark W. W. W.</i> | <i>Savanna IL</i> |
| <i>Don Maxon</i> | <i>Savanna IL</i> |
| <i>Tim W. W.</i> | <i>Savanna IL</i> |
| <i>Paul K. K.</i> | <i>Spring, IL</i> |
| <i>Bob W. W.</i> | <i>Savanna, IL</i> |
| <i>Kevin K. K.</i> | <i>Savanna IL</i> |
| <i>Jeff Foy</i> | <i>Savanna IL</i> |
| <i>Mary Smiley</i> | <i>Savanna, IL</i> |

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| FERRY TIPP | SAVANNA IL 61074 |
| Jason Thoms | SAVANNA IL 61074 |
| Josephine Williams | Savanna IL 61074 |
| John M. Sklar | Savanna IL 61074 |
| James P. Brown | Savanna IL 61046 |
| Michael McNeill | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| Amanda Carte | Savanna, IL 61074 |
| Edward A. Rager | Savanna IL 61074 |
| Dave Pyllyski | SAVANNA IL 61074 |
| Bette Anderson | Peori City |
| Sherry Law | Harver |
| Jim Smith | Harver |
| T. J. Webb | Savanna |
| Dave Syndram | Savanna |
| David W. W. | Savanna |

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| Joseph Brown | SAVANNA, IL |
| Arthur Allen | Savanna IL |
| Bob Nelson | Savanna IL |
| JESSE FODICE JR | SAVANNA |
| Charles R. Meyer | Savanna |
| Way Hightson | Savanna IL |
| Paul Cat | Clinton, IA |
| Mary J. Larson | Savanna |
| JUSTIN STEJOHANN | SAVANNA IL |
| Kevin Schrein | Savanna IL |
| Arlene Fausner | Mt. Carroll IL |
| Mark [unclear] | Fulton IL |
| TER [unclear] | Savanna, IL |
| Carl [unclear] | Mt. Carroll, IL |
| 12/1/11 Sr. | savanna, IL |

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| Adam Johnson | SAVANNA IL 61074 |
| John Miller | Mt Carroll IL 61053 |
| Kenn E. Evans | SAVANNA IL 61074 |
| Michael E. Cook | SAVANNA IL 61074 |
| David S. | Mt Carroll IL 61053 |
| John R. Cook | SAVANNA IL |
| John Ferris | SAVANNA IL |
| Harold R. Beckrich | SAVANNA IL |
| Larry & Carol Ferris | SAVANNA, IL |
| Annif Rice | SAVANNA, IL |
| Carri Ferris | SAVANNA, IL |
| CLIFF FERRIS | SAVANNA, IL |
| Butchman Paul | SAVANNA, IL |
| Julienne Cook | SAVANNA IL 61074 |
| Paulette Buehler | SAVANNA, IL 61074 |

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| Karen O. Walters | OSaw, ILL |
| Jeanne Allen | Savanna, IL |
| Raymond C. Bates | Savanna IL |
| JW Under | Swan IL |
| Alfonso | Stockton, IL |
| W. J. P. | SAVANNAH + ILL |
| Edith Kevin Mark | Wt Carroll |
| Stan Kowalski | THOMSON |
| John D. Wright | Savanna |
| Ken Miller | HANOVER |
| Emilio Villalobos | Savanne |
| R. P. A. | Savanna |
| Allen Miller | Savanna, IL |
| Tim Martens | Savanna IL |
| Shawna Bishop | Savanna Bishop |
| Josh Knut | SAVANNA IL |
| Wan V. X | SAVANNA, IL |

The City of Dixon is fortunate to have the Dixon Correctional Center in our community. The facility opened in July of 1983 and currently employs over 600 people. The Dixon Correctional City has been an asset to the community for over 26 years and has provided a living for many families over those 26 years. The Dixon Correctional Center has been good for the economy in the Sauk Valley Area.

Having seen the benefits of the Dixon Correctional Center to the City of Dixon and the Sauk Valley Area, I see opening the Thomson Correctional Center to the facilities fullest potential to be an economic gain for Thomson and the entire Northwest Illinois area. Thank you.

SHAWN ORTGIESEN
CITY OF DIXON, ILLINOIS

From: Rev. Barbara Stroud-Borth [doulos@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 1:32 PM
To: webmastercgfa
Subject: Thomson Prison Proposal

December 23, 2009

Dear Commissioners,

I support the sale of the near empty Thomson Prison to the U.S. Government for maximum security prisoners including those presently at Guantanamo Bay. "Gitmo" has been an embarrassment to the U.S. and it would be a fresh start to have it closed. If there are trials to come, I hope they will be conducted with the high ideals of fairness which should characterize this country. Those are the ideals for which people in our armed forces have fought and died.

The Thomson facility was designed as a maximum security prison. It would not serve to ease the overcrowding problem in Illinois prisons, anyway. It seems to me that the opposition is largely into scare tactics to make a name for themselves. However, it is important that you listen carefully to any constructive ideas those opposed may have. I read and wonder if it is true that no prisoner has ever escaped a maximum security prison in the U.S.

I do think it is very important that the sale take into account the cost to build it including the interest we have had to pay on the loan for its construction. The sale could help Illinois' sad financial problem somewhat. And It is also true that the area will benefit from the jobs and new residents in the area.

Sincerely,

Rev. Barbara Stroud-Borth

304 E. Chestnut St,
Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548



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RECORD OF COMMISSION WITNESS

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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

BEVERLY DAVIS

Title:

Firm / Business or Agency:

Address:

City:

ROCKFALL

State:

IL

Zip:

61071

Email:

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



Written Statement Filed



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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

*Want more info on what happens
to the money received in the sale of
Thomson*



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Doug Bergren

Title: Alderman

Firm / Business or Agency: City of Mt. Carroll

Address: 202 N. Main City: Mt. Carroll State: IL Zip: 61053

Email: doug-bergren@yahoo.com

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



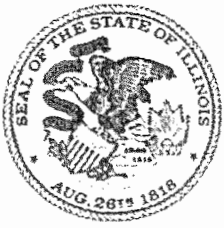
Written Statement Filed



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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Carroll & Jo Daviess Counties need the jobs & the cash infusion that the prison will bring.



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Nina G. Cooper
Title: Chair, Carroll Cty CEDS Committee; Alderman City of Mt. Carroll
Firm / Business or Agency: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
Address: 209 N College City: Mt Carroll State: IL Zip: 61053
Email: ngcooper@gries.net
POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position
TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☒ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

- 1) I strongly support the sale of TCC to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The Carroll County Comprehensive Economic Strategy Committee also vigorously supports this view. For eight years the people of Carroll County have waited for the economic stimulus resulting from jobs and investment coming from TCC opening.
- 2) Carroll County suffers from falling population due to lack of jobs and income in the area. ^{aging} Young people leave our county to seek employment and services elsewhere. This population drain places our local government and schools and services at financial disadvantage. This process means Carroll Cty suffers from chronic unemployment, stressed municipal services and minimal standard services. Unemployment in Nov 09 is 11.1%.
- 3) The opportunity for 3000+ well paid jobs, the financial investment in property and needed services will radically reverse the present downward economic and demographic spiral.
- 4) Local people have full confidence in Illinois law enforcement services to protect the citizens of the area + ^{+ Federal} state. We have been prepared to have the maximum security prison filled w/ high security inmates.



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: MARVIN C HOLMES

Title: BUSINESS AGENT

Firm / Business or Agency: PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 25

Address: 10257 ZION RD. City: SAVANNA State: IL Zip: 61074

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

UTILIZE THOMSON PRISON AS A MAXIMUM
SECURITY FACILITY AS IT WAS DESIGNED FOR.

IF YOU ARE NOT A RESIDENT OF CARROLL COUNTY,
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: VICTOR CASTANEDA

Title: CITIZEN

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 707 W. 7th St City: STERLING State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

RECENT LOCATION FROM CO,
WE HAVE A FED. PRISON WITH
MANY TERRORIST CONFINED THERE.
THERE HAS EVER BEEN ANY PROBLEMS



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December 22, 2009

SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Mark Richeson

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: Ironworkers Local 498

Address: 840 Sackness Dr City: Rockford State: IL Zip: 61108

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☒ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

The County could ease the jobs and potential growth and revenue for their citizens.



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: DAVID L. DRARE

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: IRONWORKERS LOCAL 498

Address: 5640 SOCKNESS DR. City: ROCKFORD State: IL Zip: 61109

Email: _____

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



Written Statement Filed



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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

NEED FOR JOBS IN THIS STATE



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Kurt Brunner
Title: Political Coordinator Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters
Firm / Business or Agency: CARPENTERS UNION
Address: 505 E Ridge St City: MT. CARROLL State: IL Zip: 61053
Email: Kbrunner@CARPENTERSUNION.ORG

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

The Chicago Regional of CARPENTERS is in FAVOR

Kurt Brunner



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

ROBERT H. SPANGLER

Title:

Firm / Business or Agency:

APPLE CANYON LAKE P.O.A.

Address:

13A17 RAWAIDE CT

City:

APPLE RIVER

State:

IL

Zip:

61001

Email:

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



Written Statement Filed



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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

OPEN THE PRISON

MAKE USE OF THE FACILITY

PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Marcia L. Stanger

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 13417 Hawthorne City: Apple State: IL Zip: 61001

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☒ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

*Support this Position
to open Thomson*



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December 22, 2009

SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: CHARLES LASKONIS

Title: BUSINESS AGENT

Firm / Business or Agency: IBEW LOCAL 364 / NW 14 BLDG TRADER

Address: 6820 MILL RD. City: ROCKFORD State: IL Zip: 61108

Email: CLASKONIS@IBEW364.NET

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



Written Statement Filed



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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

FOR THE PRISON & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Rosalie Hansen

Title: Council Woman

Firm / Business or Agency: Savanna

Address: 26 E 5th St City: Savanna State: IL Zip: 61074

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

*Before the Brown will be so further the
... to the public govt and opened*



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December 22, 2009

SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: THOMAS R BRACKEMEYER

Title: SUB Teacher

Firm / Business or Agency: Whiteside County

Address: Sterling City: IL State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

JOBS - YES,
IN a secure environment.



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December 22, 2009

SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center Closure

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: STEVEN J SMITH

Title: Recording Secretary

Firm / Business or Agency: LIUNA (Local 727)

Address: 2105 Freeport Rd City: Sterling State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: N/A

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Row Campawa

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 2900 GRANDVIEW City: THOMSON State: IL Zip: 61285

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

Nana Oakley-Campagna

Title:

Firm / Business or Agency:

Address:

3990 Grandview Pl. City: Thomson State: IL Zip: 61285

Email:

litreader14@mchsi.com

POSITION:

☒

Proponent

☐

Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

CHET EPPERSON

Title:

CHIEF OF POLICE

Firm / Business or Agency:

ROCKFORD POLICE DEPT

Address:

420 W STATE

City:

ROCKFORD

State:

IL

Zip:

61107

Email:

CHET.EPPERSON@ROCKFORDIL.GOV

POSITION:

☒

Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: DAVID FOY

Title: BUSINESS MANAGER

Firm / Business or Agency: MILWRIGHT LOCAL 2158

Address: 25170 INDIAN RIDGE RD City: STERLING State: ILL Zip: 61081

Email: D.F. Foy@COMCAST.NET

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

Karen Hirsch

Title:

Firm / Business or Agency:

Address:

14A23 Marina View Dr

City:

Apple River

State:

IL

Zip:

61001

Email:

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



Written Statement Filed



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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: FRANK DAVIS

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: _____ City: Rock Falls State: IL Zip: 61071

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: DAVID WHITMORE

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: IRONWORKERS L.U. #498

Address: 5640 SOCKNESS DR City: ROCKFORD State: IL Zip: 61109

Email: WHITMORE498@ROCKRIVER.NET

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Matthew J. Howze

Title: Sterling Township Supervisor

Firm / Business or Agency: Town of Sterling

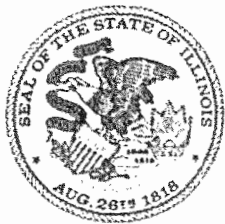
Address: 108 4th Ave Suite 2 City: Sterling State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: mhowze@dst.essell.com

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

Heather Bennett

Title:

Executive Director

Firm / Business or Agency:

Fulton Chamber of Commerce

Address:

P.O. Box 253

City:

Fulton

State:

IL

Zip:

61252

Email:

chamber@cityoffulton.us

POSITION:

☒

Proponent

☐

Opponent

☐

No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

JEREMY BURKITT

Title:

RESIDENT OF STERLING

Firm / Business or Agency:

IBEW ELECTRICIAN

Address:

18405 HOOVER RD

City:

STERLING

State:

IL

Zip:

61081

Email:

POSITION:

☒

Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Ed We

Title: Electrical

Firm / Business or Agency: IBEW Local 364

Address: 510 Langley Rd. City: Machesney Park State: IL Zip: 61115

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Michael S. Curtis

Title: MT Carroll County resident

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 1583 scenic Palisades Rd City: MT Carroll State: IL Zip: 61053

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

MARK MYERS

Title:

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE

Firm / Business or Agency:

PAINTERS DC 81

Address:

520-12TH ST.

City:

ROCK ISLAND

State:

IL

Zip:

61201

Email:

m+myers81@shcglobal.net

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: CARL R BATES

Title: MAYOR

Firm / Business or Agency: CITY OF MT CARROLL

Address: _____ City: MT CARROLL State: IL Zip: 61053

Email: CBATES@DNA GROUP.COM

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

John Lindeman

Title:

Superintendent of Public Works

Firm / Business or Agency:

City of Savannah

Address:

225 Washington

City:

Savannah

State:

IL

Zip:

61671

Email:

JLindeman@Savannah-il.us

POSITION:

☒

Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: James L Lawson Jr
Title: Field Rep Laborers Local 727
Firm / Business or Agency: Laborers Local 727
Address: 768 Bloody Orchard City: Alex State: IL Zip: 61021
Email: local 727 @ gr.25 .net

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: JOE BARON

Title: LABORER

Firm / Business or Agency: 727

Address: 1910 7th AVE City: Spring State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: ERIC TRAGER

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 2110 SAND RIDGE RD City: THOMSON State: IL Zip: 62855

Email: VBTRAGER@YAHOO.COM

POSITION:

☒

Proponent

☐

Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: WAYNE P HEFLIN

Title: LABORER

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 706 QUEL City: STERLING State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Michael Hastings

Title: Chairman of the Board

Firm / Business or Agency: Tri-County Economic Development Alliance

Address: P.O. Box 396 City: Elizabeth State: IL Zip: 61036

Email: mhastings@jocarroll.com

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☒ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Teresa Kurtenbach

Title: Northwest Regional Manager

Firm / Business or Agency: IL DCEO

Address: 1830 2nd Ave. 200 City: Rock Island State: IL Zip: 61201

Email: _____

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



Written Statement Filed



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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: JERRY LACK

Title: CANDIDATE ILLINOIS House 71ST District

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

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Email: J.LACK@MCHSI.COM

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



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SUBJECT MATTER:

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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Rich Baker

Title: Pres/CEO

Firm / Business or Agency: Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce

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Email: rbaker@quadcitychamber.com

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

☐

No Position

TESTIMONY:

☐

Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

Bryan Fields

Title:

B/A Recording Secretary

Firm / Business or Agency:

Teamsters Local 325

Address:

5533 11th ST

City:

PKFD

State:

IL

Zip:

601109

Email:

BryanFields1@comcast.net

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

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IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

John Penney

Title:

Peoria's DC 30 / Business Agent

Firm / Business or Agency:

Address:

5640 Sockness Dr.

City:

Rockford

State:

IL

Zip:

61109

Email:

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Vanessa L. San

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: DOC

Address: _____ City: Rock Falls State: IL Zip: 61071

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Rory Fullmer

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: Labrecs Local 727

Address: _____ City: Dixie State: IL Zip: _____

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: James K. Say

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 608 West 10th Street City: Sterling State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: wyojims@hotmail.com

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Economic value by diversifying employment
Have lived in area 14 years, have chosen to come
here. Lived in Galesburg before (prison
community), didn't have a problem



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

Adam Delgado

Title:

International Investigative Services - President

Firm / Business or Agency:

Address:

PO Box 388851

City:

Chicago

State:

IL

Zip:

60638

Email:

adam.delgado@ii-services.net

POSITION:



Proponent



Opponent



No Position

TESTIMONY:



Oral



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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

- Jobs & govt contracts
- I grew up in Sterling & ~~the~~ I understand your concerns
- I am a vet of the war on Terror



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: CARLOS COLLAZO

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: HELMETS TO HARDHATS

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Email: Carlos.Collazo@hotmail.com

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

This person said he requested to be on agenda.



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Levy Stebbins

Title: Mayer Savanna IL

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 101 Main City: Savanna State: IL Zip: 61074

Email: mayer@savanna-il.us

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Terry Jensen
Title: Correctional Officer Thomson C.C.
Firm / Business or Agency: I.D.O.C.
Address: 624 W. Lincolnway City: Morrison State: IL Zip: 61270
Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

LARRY RUSSELL

Title:

MAYOR, CITY OF FULTON

Firm / Business or Agency:

CITY OF FULTON

Address:

200 N 12TH ST

City:

FULTON

State:

IL

Zip:

61250

Email:

l.russell@fulton.net

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: LAWRENCE BRUCE

Title: GOP CARRULL C CHAIRMAN

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 1110 LOCUST City: THOMSON State: IL Zip: 61285

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☒ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Merlin Oberbroeckling

Title: President Savanna, IL. Chamber of Commerce

Firm / Business or Agency: retired

Address: _____ City: Clinton State: IA Zip: _____

Email: _____

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: HENRY S. DIXON

Title: Lee County State's Attorney

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: Lee County Court Bldg City: DIXON State: IL Zip: 61021

Email: hdixon@countyoflee.org

POSITION: ☒ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

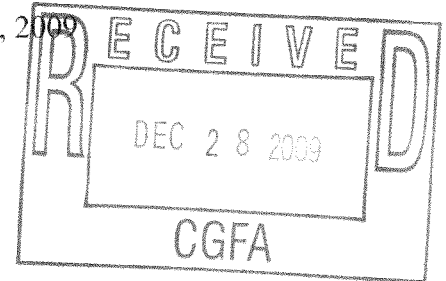
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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Opponents



December 23, 2009



Senator Jeff Schoenberg
Representative Richard Meyers
Co-Chairs
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Senator Schoenberg and Representative Meyers,

Governor Quinn's proposed sale of Thomson Correctional Center is a matter of great concern to the Illinois State Employees Association (ISEA), Laborers' Local 2002 and our members. As Supervisory employees working for the Department of Corrections they are charged with responsibility for overseeing the operation of Thomson Correctional Center and other facilities throughout the State. They understand and experience daily, how the lack of funding and prison overcrowding impacts the operation of these institutions.

It is on behalf of these employees that we urge the commission **not** to support closure of the Thomson Correctional Center. Thomson Correctional Center was funded and built when members of the Legislature recognized the dangerous situation which had developed due to the severe overcrowding and the antiquated physical plant of our existing maximum security prisons. Recent news reports regarding the needed early release of 1000 inmates, the "PUSH" program releasing 850 additional inmates onto the streets and proposals to close Jesse "Ma" Houston ATC and eliminate 1500 maximum security beds at Stateville Correctional Center all support the continued need for additional modern, "maximum security" bed space like that at Thomson.

While lack of funding during these tough economic times is a reality, so too, are the issues of overcrowding and the deterioration of our existing prisons. If Thomson is sold, it will be only a matter of time before the State of Illinois must again confront the challenge of adding additional and more costly prison bed space. The sale of the Thomson facility will only make matters worse and further delay the Department of Corrections' ability to confront and correct *in an appropriate manner*, the problems of dangerously overcrowded prisons.

Additionally, I would like to address some statements provided at the hearing in Sterling, IL on 12-22-09 which I believe was misleading.

- First, having inmates classified as "maximum security" double celled, is not a desired inmate living arrangement. To the contrary, such arrangements often

violate Correctional Association standards and are necessary only because of the lack of available space to single cell the inmates. As a retired Corrections Administrator/Chief of Security of 25 years, I can attest that there is no therapeutic, operational or inmate programming benefit to having two maximum security inmates in a cell together. Unfortunately, the chronic overcrowding Corrections has experienced over the years may now be considered "normal" but is not preferred or desirable.

- Secondly, Illinois prisons are overcrowded. Carefully crafted references to available "bed space" when discussing the overcrowding did not accurately describe the situation. The prisons were designed and built to hold a specific number of inmates. We now exceed that design capacity by approximately 40% throughout all security levels and by 65-70%, in the maximum security facilities. Simply buying and placing additional beds is not a satisfactory solution to overcrowding. The filling of every available inch of floor space and double or triple bunking beds are stop gap measures at best and should never be considered permanent, acceptable solutions to overcrowding.

I respectfully request you consider the above as written testimony and enter it as part of the record regarding the proposed closure of Thomson Correctional Center.

Thank You,

Ron Rohlfs, Vice President
ISEA, Laborer's Local 2002

cc: COGFA Members
Dan Long, Executive Director of COGFA

JUDY BIGGERT
13TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1313

January 6, 2009

The Honorable Jeffrey Schoenberg
218 Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Chairman Schoenberg:

As you prepare to vote on the recommendation by the Illinois Department of Corrections to close the Thomson Correctional Center, I ask that you give serious consideration to the far-reaching state, national and international security implications of the proposed use of this facility for housing terrorist detainees that are currently being held at the U.S. Naval facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

While the Illinois Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability traditionally has focused its attention on economic matters directly impacting the State of Illinois, your consideration of this issue presents a critical and unique opportunity for the people of Illinois, through their elected legislators, to exercise their voice over a decision that carries with it enormous consequences for the country as a whole.

This Christmas, Americans were reminded of the ongoing threat that we face from terrorist factions overseas whose goal is death and destruction to America and all things American. While, as a nation, we breathed a collective sigh of relief that the attempted airline bombing on December 25th did not end in greater tragedy, the incident shined a stark spotlight on potential gaps in America's security apparatus. It also has raised many additional unanswered questions regarding the Administration's broader plans, including those related to the Thomson facility, for dealing with foreign enemy combatant detainees.

As you may know, the attempted bomber of Northwest Airlines Flight 253 was reportedly trained by Al Qaeda operatives in a terrorist camp located in Yemen. Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has since claimed responsibility for the attack and includes among its ranks terrorist leaders like Said Ali Shiri, a former Guantanamo Bay detainee. Just this week, the U.S. Embassy in Yemen was forced to suspend operations entirely due to likelihood of imminent terrorist activity. In light of these facts, the Administration yesterday was forced to reconsider the transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees to Yemen, where the effectiveness of long-term detainment has been called into serious question.

As the Administration's plans change with the international and political climate, the number, nature, and status of those detainees that may be brought to Illinois remains an open question with no answer in sight before the future of the Thomson facility is to be decided. And, unfortunately, this is not an isolated example of where the Administration has failed to address the serious questions from Congress, Illinois leaders, and others regarding how it intends to deal with the immense security, legal, and logistical considerations of closing the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay. Congress does not have access to detailed backgrounds of the individual detainees who would be brought to Illinois; the Administration has not stated how it intends to deal with detainees should the courts find fault with the government's use of authority; and no full risk assessment has been presented to the people of Illinois regarding the potential, added terrorist threat resulting from the government's decision to make Illinois home to the next Guantanamo Bay.

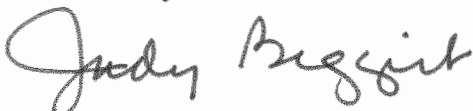
As a federal legislator and former attorney, I especially question how bringing these detainees onto American soil and granting some the full rights and privileges of a civilian trial will improve the security and safety of 300 million Americans. The Administration has put itself in a very tenuous position by opting to cherry-pick which detainees should be tried in federal court, which should be tried by military commissions, and which should continue to be held without trial. Instead, we should try all detainees before military commissions, ensuring due process, equal justice, and national security. Military commissions are constitutional and well established in American and Western jurisprudence. Furthermore, these trials should be held away from civilian population centers where they could become focus points for disruption and create unnecessary security hazards for area residents. At present, the most appropriate location to carry out these trials continues to be to be at our military facility in Cuba -- out of our civilian courts and away from our heartland.

In light of recent terrorist activity, the President has announced his intention to quickly review and respond to potential gaps in our air travel and homeland security procedures and capabilities, and I know I join many of my colleagues in Congress who stand fully prepared to work with the Administration to harden our defenses against future terrorist threats. However, the Administration has yet to offer any indication that it will suspend or reverse its misguided decision to close the Guantanamo Bay facility as we reevaluate our relationships overseas, consider options for strengthening our security, and improve the intelligence operations that inform these important decisions.

These plans should go hand-in-hand as part of a cohesive national strategy that will prevent the kind of attack on American soil that took the lives of 3,000 innocent Americans on September 11th, 2001. And while some would like to dismiss the legitimate questions and policy considerations surrounding the closure of Guantanamo Bay as little more than “fear mongering,” the fact remains that the world is a dangerous place and we should not take such major actions without considering the threats we currently face around the globe. Others claim that closing the base at Guantanamo Bay would remove a key recruiting tool from terrorist organizations, but the same argument holds little weight when the chosen alternative is to simply relocate the object of terrorist propaganda to American soil. Indeed, this logic only serves to highlight how this new detention facility could become a draw for terrorist threats.

I ask that you, as members of the Illinois Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, consider the decision you will make on this matter not solely as a budgetary item, but as an opportunity to show that, in Illinois, we put the security of our families first, and we expect our leaders in Washington to do the same. Please send a clear message to our Governor and the Administration that if they continue to push this plan on Illinois, they will be doing so without the consent of the people who will bear the greatest burden for their mistakes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Judy Biggert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judy" and last name "Biggert" clearly distinguishable.

Judy Biggert
Member of Congress



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: JAMES BAYNE

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 2765 DOROTHY City: AURORA State: IL Zip: 60504

Email: _____

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

AGAINST BRINGING TERRORIST HERE!



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Kathy Hood

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 23378 IL RT 40 City: Chadwick State: IL Zip: 61014

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

I am totally opposed to the sale of Thomson Prison to the Federal government to house 64mo Detainees.



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: MIKE HOLOKA

Title: Attorney

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 6958 W. WISCONSIN City: ROCKFORD State: IL Zip: 61114

Email: _____

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

WE DON'T NEED TERRORISTS ON OUR SOIL.

THESE PEOPLE ARE DANGEROUS -

THOMSON IS ISOLATED + CAN EASILY BE
COMPROMISED

WE HAVE 3 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS NEAR
THOMSON.

THESE MEN SHOULD NOT HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS - THEY ARE NOT US CITIZENS -
THEY ARE ENEMY COMBATANTS - SHOULD HAVE NO RIGHTS

AS A VETERAN I STRONGLY OBJECT
AS AN ILLINOIS TAXPAYER I DOUBLE OBJECT



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: DALE SPURLOCK

Title: PASTOR

Firm / Business or Agency: UPCI

Address: 13047 PUTNAM ST City: SHILLAND State: IL Zip: 61079

Email: _____

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

THIS IS A TICKING BOMB FOR
ALL OUR COMMUNITIES.
WITH NO INPUT FROM IL CITIZENS



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: GERALD Bramley

Title: —

Firm / Business or Agency: —

Address: 128 S. STAFFORD DR City: SHAMROCK State: IL Zip: 60193

Email: —

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: David Hale

Title: Director Rockford Tea Party

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 412 West 7086 Glendale Ave City: Rockford State: IL Zip: 61105

Email: rockfordteaparty@gmail.com

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: MARY ALGER

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: _____ City: CRYSTAL LAKE, IL State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

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IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

Mick Kazmerski

Title:

Father - Grandfather

Firm / Business or Agency:

Address:

410 Oak Lane

City:

Dixon

State:

IL

Zip:

61021

Email:

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

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IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

Richard Davidson

Title:

Carroll Co. Resident

Firm / Business or Agency:

Address: 31795 Elkhorn rd City: Millersville State: IL Zip: 61051

Email:

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

CHRIS PRESTON

Title:

CITIZEN

Firm / Business or Agency:

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Address:

607 E 19TH ST

City:

STERLING

State:

IL

Zip:

61081

Email:

cpreston@essex1.com

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

DAVID E. MUNSON

Title:

Firm / Business or Agency:

Coalition to Stop Arms North

Address:

225 W. Lake St.

City:

Franklin

State:

IL

Zip:

48658

Email:

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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December 22, 2009

SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Charles Hummel

Title: None

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 5819 Haddon Pl City: Rockford State: IL Zip: 61114

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

Robert F CLARKE

Title:

Pres. Chicago Comm. to Defend the Bill of Rights

Firm / Business or Agency:

Address:

290C N. LaSalle

City:

Chicago

State:

IL

Zip:

6065

Email:

shango1@att.com

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: RICK BIESADA

Title: WJSG Radio 1530 AM Chicago

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 2265 Federal PKway City: Lindenhurst State: IL Zip: 60046

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Nick Karmerski

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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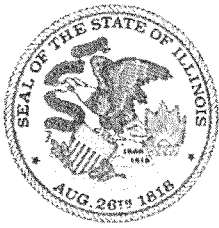
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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

I do not have a political or economic agenda. My concern as a Father and grand Father is that bringing terrorists to Illinois will make us a target. If there is a attack in Illinois I think those that are responsible for bringing the terrorists to Illinois will resign or be removed from the position they hold.



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Paul T. Sheeley

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 5006 Country Club Ln City: Sterling State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: _____

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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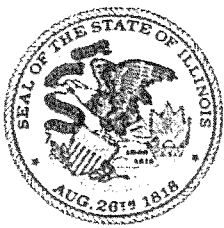
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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

I Am totally Against The Sale of our
Prison For the Purpose of Bringing enemy Combatants
ONTO US SOIL where they will be given RIGHTS
of A US Citizen. Illinois should not
Prostitute its citizens for Jobs to
do something that is wrong, no matter
what the so called benefits.



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Gary Swart

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: Po Box 681 City: Storling State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: _____

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

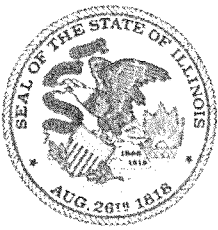
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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Don't let terrorist on U.S. soil

I think it is all cut and dry before the meeting.



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Ms. A. Laron Finkle

Title: Discharged Wal-Mart associate

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 609 Ave C City: Stirling State: IL Zip: 61081-3434

Email: _____

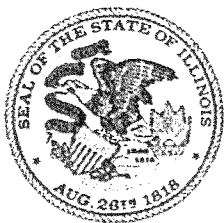
POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☒ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

No to the Prison don't
need more problems and such and
etc. ! Tired of the Middle East
war. We don't need more expense for
Gat & Nayta either!

Bitter money spent here at home!
Would like to voice my thoughts too!



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Phil Valdez

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 3844 Creekside Ct City: Sandwich State: IL Zip: 60548

Email: _____

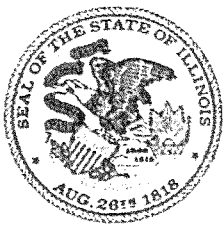
POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

OPPONENT

No Rights for Terrorists.



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Sharon Rollinson

Title: MS.

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 810 Mildred St City: Lena State: IL Zip: 61048

Email: Sharonthebatter2000@yahoo.com

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☒ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

*We dont want terrorists on U.S. soil
They do not deserve the same rights as
Citizens.*



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

CHRISTINE C SCOTT

Title:

Firm / Business or Agency:

Address:

1820 GILSON

City:

ZION

State:

IL

Zip:

60099

Email:

CRYSTIN2@GMAIL

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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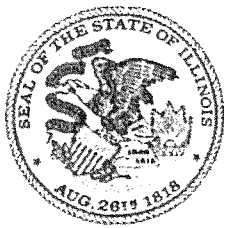
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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

No foreign terrorist
on US soil!



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Steve Ruggiero

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: Friends of William J. Kelly

Address: 2737 N. Kenmore City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60614

Email: Stevruggiero@gmail.com

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

I oppose bringing GITMO detainees onto U.S. soil and giving them the same rights as U.S. citizens.

If GITMO detainees are brought to Thompson, IL that prison will become the new symbol of torture to all Islamic Militants who want to bring more acts of terror to the United States. Having this new symbol of torture in Illinois endangers Illinois citizens by making Illinois a more attractive target for terrorists.



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Linda Ploch

Title: Chemical Engineer + Mom

Firm / Business or Agency: my family

Address: 16280 Woodbine Cir City: Vernon Hills State: IL Zip: 60061

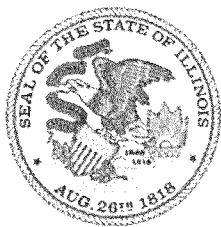
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POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Enemies don't belong on U.S. Soil. This area would
become a "lightening rod" for terror activities. Not
worth the money!



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Dennis Dupuis

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 2426 N. Carolina City: Saginaw State: Mi. Zip: 48602

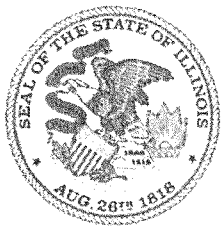
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POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

*Terrorist's should not even be welcomed
in America in any manner!*



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Steven Bishop

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 38831 N. Wrexed Blvd City: Antioch State: IL Zip: 60002

Email: bishop325@comcast.net

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

War criminals (terrorists) should be detained
in IRAQ and tried by the Iraqis,
IF the must be held on U.S. Soil, do it
in a Military prison on a Military base.



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Diane Bishop

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 38837 N. Drexel Blvd City: Antioch State: IL Zip: 60007

Email: diane.b3255@comcast.net

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☒ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Terrorists are not U.S. citizens & should not be treated as so. They belong in military prisons or Iraq where they are from.



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Sheryl Noble

Title: Mrs

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 1134 W. 23rd ST City: Rock Falls State: IL Zip: 61071

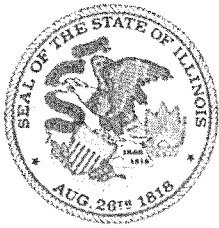
Email: don1937-48@hotmail.com

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

*Open Prison, keep Gitmo Out
Hire Illinois People*



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: CLOUD DOWNEY

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 4101 OAK RIDGE RD City: CRYSTAL LAKE State: IL Zip: 60012

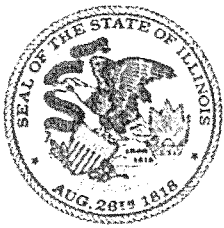
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POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

*These are terrorist POWs who belong
in the detention facility in Guantanamo.
They do not qualify for housing in
a stateside prison.*



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Robert A. Baker

Title: Retired Math Teacher

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 624 Hidden Lake Dr. City: Pinetown State: IL Zip: 61356

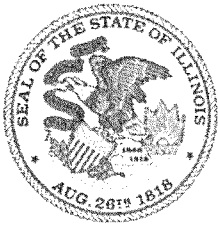
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POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

*GITMO IL. is a travesty of
our great Republic. Terrorist capture
on the battle field should not be brought
onto US soil.*



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Chris Arndt

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 2335 Ridgefield City: Bureau State: IL Zip: 61356

Email: carndt56@gmail.com

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:

No terrorists. I paid taxes for
the prison in Joliet and the
courthouse for trial. Total

Security.

Let them to them.

Kill them like they asked



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Kevin Mathews

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 155 South Buell City: Aurora State: IL Zip: 60506

Email: Patriotman@muchomail.com

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

I am opposed. Why give these
prisoners U.S. based rights?
No way.



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Helene Miller-Walsh

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 329 Locust Road City: Winnetka State: IL Zip: 60093

Email: _____

POSITION:

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Proponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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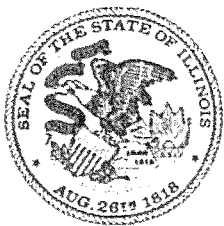
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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Mary Ann Gee

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 770 Manor Hill Place City: Sugar Grove State: IL Zip: 60554

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: GARY L DURLING

Title: ILLINOIS RESIDENT, US CITIZEN

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 17591 TIMBER DR City: STERLING State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: GARYDURLING@YAHOO

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Thomas Weber

Title: Mr.

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

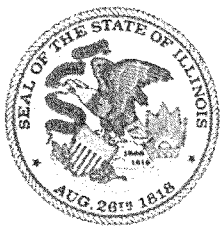
Address: 37597 N. Dearborn City: Northbrook State: IL Zip: 60062

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Thomas P. Brasnell

Title: Citizen

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

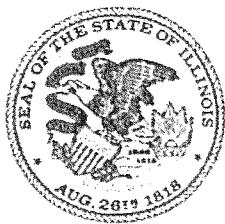
Address: 275 N. Cambridge St City: Grayson State: IL Zip: 60030

Email: TBrasnell@gmail.com

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Marcel Chiu

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

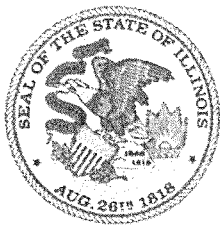
Address: 2728 Broadmoor Dr City: Rockford State: IL Zip: 61108

Email: marcel.chiu@yahoo.com

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Shawn Anderson

Title: Thomson resident

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 3664 Rt. 94 City: Thomson State: IL Zip: 61285

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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December 22, 2009

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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Jesse Anderson

Title: Thomson Resident

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 3664 W 1st St City: Thomson State: IL Zip: 61285

Email: _____

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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December 22, 2009

SUBJECT MATTER: **Thomson Correctional Center**

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Andrew Ryan Pope

Title: Student

Firm / Business or Agency: None

Address: 2102 14th Ave City: Spring State: IL Zip: 61501

Email: None

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: RON ROHLFS

Title: MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE

Firm / Business or Agency: ISSA, LABOREAS LOCAL 2002

Address: 2945 STANTON AVE City: SPRINGFIELD State: IL Zip: 62703

Email: LOCAL 2002 OC @ AOL.COM

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Hal MORENEY

Title: Retired

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 703 6TH AV City: DIXON State: IL Zip: 61021

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☒ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Other Comments and Concerns



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Cameron Watson

Tracy Williams

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Virginia Yates

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Kathy Lane

Tom Mink

10/09

Senator Jeff Schoenberg
Representative Richard Meyers
Co-Chairs

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
703 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Senator Schoenberg and Representative Meyers:

Governor Quinn has announced his intention to close Thomson Correctional Center. While this closure request has drawn more than the usual media and political attention, we trust you will uphold the letter and spirit of the law in reviewing this closure.

As you know, members of our union have been impacted by several closure requests in recent years. In several instances, the Commission has, through the process laid out in law, played an invaluable role in shedding light on public concerns. We hope that same high standard you have applied in the past to ensure that all sides are heard will apply equally in the instant case.

We were concerned to read that Senator Schoenberg is considering asking the Commission members to vote on the Thomson closure at the public hearing scheduled on Dec. 22, 2009. We hope you will consider the statutory requirements and refrain from taking such a vote at that time.

Note that the Act lays out the following absolute timelines:

- 30 ILCS 608/5-10 (b) "If a recommendation is required by the Commission, a 30-day public comment period must follow the filing of the recommendation."
- 30 ILCS 608/5-10 (c) "Within 50 days after the State executive branch officer files the required recommendation, the Commission shall issue an advisory opinion on that recommendation."
- 30 ILCS 608/5-10 (d) "No action may be taken to implement the recommendation for closure of a State facility until 50 days after the filing of any required recommendation."

The Act clearly would not allow for a vote by the Commission on Dec. 22, as such a vote would fall before the expiration of the public comment period on the department's

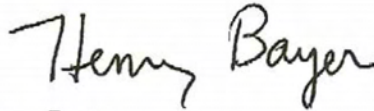
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recommendation. As the Commission has always interpreted the "days" referenced in the Act as business days, the vote could not come before January 11, 2009. And as the Act bars the implementation for a full 50 days from the filing of the department's recommendation, such a premature vote would not advance the closure by a single day.

We look forward to presenting you information through the public processes required by the Act as you deliberate over the important issue of Thomson Correctional Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Bayer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Henry Bayer
Executive Director

cc: COGFA Members
Dan Long, Executive Director of COGFA

Subj: **STERLING STATEMENT THREE**
 Date: 12/22/2009 2:10:50 A.M. Central Standard Time
 From: [Shango1](#)
 To: [Shango1](#)

Statement to Illinois Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

By: Robert Clarke, President
Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights (www.ccdbr.org)

Sterling, IL, 22 December 2009

Re.: sale of Thomson, IL prison facility

The main concern of the civil liberties community is not the sale per se of Thomson to the federal government. Nor is it the relocation of Guantanamo detainees to U.S. soil, which indeed many of us view as improving opportunities for minimal due process. Least of all is it the hysterical fear being whipped up that detainees will escape into the Illinois hinterland and sow terror.

We have two central issues to emphasize and call upon this commission to take them into account in forming its recommendation on this sale. First is the matter of INDEFINITE PREVENTIVE DETENTION. Second is the imposition of "SUPER-MAX CONFINEMENT CONDITIONS WHICH ARE TANTAMOUNT TO TORTURE." ("Torture" here meaning infliction of severe pain and suffering within the meanings defined by U.S. law and international conventions to which the U.S. is signatory and which thereby have the effect of domestic law in the U.S.)

"Guantanamo North," as the prospective Thomson facility has been called, should not be permitted on the soil of Illinois and least of all should its arrival here be facilitated by a recommendation of this Commission, unless the U.S. government first provides binding assurance - possibly as a kind of restrictive covenant on the sale, that it WILL NOT IMPOSE TORTUOUS CONDITIONS (forbidden by the 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution) and that it WILL NOT HOLD ANY INMATES IN INDEFINITE PREVENTIVE DETENTION.

Anthony Romero, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, issued a statement 15 December 2009 including the following points: **"The creation of a 'Gitmo North' in Illinois is hardly a meaningful step forward. Shutting down Guantánamo will be nothing more than a symbolic gesture if we continue its lawless policies onshore.**

"Alarmingly, all indications are that the administration plans to continue its predecessor's policy of indefinite detention without charge or trial for some detainees, with only a change of location. Such a policy is completely at odds with our democratic commitment to due process and human rights whether it's occurring in Cuba or in Illinois. In fact, **while the Obama administration inherited the Guantánamo debacle, this current move is its own affirmative adoption of those policies. It is unimaginable that the Obama administration is using the same justification as the Bush administration used to undercut centuries of legal jurisprudence and the principle of innocent until proven guilty and the right to confront**

one's accusers.

"It is also greatly disturbing that the administration will continue the use of military commissions, which are no more acceptable in Illinois or any other U.S. state than in Guantánamo. Despite some improvements, the commissions still fall far short of the legal standards necessary to comply with constitutional and international standards, allowing, for example, the use of coerced and hearsay evidence that would not be allowed in federal court. The proceedings will achieve neither reliable justice nor a restoration of America's credibility around the world.

"The administration must also make very clear what category of detainee will be transferred to Thomson in the future and what kind of prison conditions will apply. Detainees not charged with a crime should not be subject to punitive conditions meant for sentenced prisoners who have been found guilty in a court of law, and all conditions must comply with the Geneva Conventions.

"The administration will no doubt be looking to Congress for legislative buy-in for this facility, and as both branches work together, we strongly urge lawmakers to legislate responsibly and not set any policies or precedents for indefinite detention on U.S. soil, or create any violation of the Geneva Conventions.

"The Obama administration's announcement today contradicts everything the president has said about the need for America to return to leading with its values. American values do not contemplate disregarding our Constitution and skirting the criminal justice system. After detaining hundreds of individuals without the basic due process rights that define our justice system for almost eight years, it is time to charge suspects where evidence exists and repatriate and transfer the rest to countries where they won't be tortured."

On the same date, constitutional lawyer Glenn Greenwald offered the following observation on his Salon.com blog:

"There is, I suppose, symbolic value in closing Guantanamo. But what made Guantanamo such an affront to basic liberty and the rule of law was far more than symbolism, and it certainly had nothing to do with its locale. If anything, one could argue that it's now more dangerous to have **within the U.S., on U.S. soil, a facility explicitly devoted to imprisoning people without charges. Even worse, by emphasizing that Thomson will be an even more 'secure' supermax than the utterly inhumane hellhole at Florence, Colorado -- even boasting that it will be the 'most secure prison "of all time"' -- it's likely that individuals who have never been charged with any crime will be held indefinitely in a facility even worse than Guantanamo."**

The strongly conservative editorial page of the Wall Street Journal yesterday raised the same issue:

"Savor the irony. Mr. Obama says he had to close Guantanamo because it offended American values and was a recruiting tool for terrorists. Yet like Dick Cheney, Mr. Obama is now defending indefinite detention and even military tribunals for some of the detainees who will relocate to Thomson. We doubt al

Qaeda will stop denouncing the U.S. merely because its comrades have moved to a state-side supermax. This is what happens when a new President rushes to fulfill a reckless campaign promise without a plan, or even much apparent thought."

David Savage, LA Times, 21 December 2009:

To hold the detainees who are not being tried, Obama relies on the Authorization for the Use of Military Force passed by Congress in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, according to a memo describing the legal argument prepared by the Defense Department for members of the Illinois delegation in Congress.

In addition, Obama has added a backup layer to the system that reviews the status of every detainee, going beyond judicial review to a periodic review by the executive branch, according to the memo.

Staffed by more than 60 attorneys and analysts from across the federal government, Obama's review panel has already done a preliminary examination of all Guantanamo cases and plans to make final decisions about disposition by early next year, the Pentagon document says.

At the moment, the category of inmates who can't be prosecuted and can't be released is empty -- "a null set," in the words of one official -- though there's little doubt the administration expects that to change. The White House is asking Congress to change federal law to allow detainees to be transported from Cuba to Illinois for that purpose.

"If we have to detain any without trial," said the senior administration official, "we will only do so as a last resort."

It is precisely the claim of authority to detain without trial even as a last resort that this Commission should deny to any prospective buyer of the Thomson facility. A constitutional and human rights issue of this magnitude may never have faced this body before. But it is here today; and whatever other entities of government seek or decide, you have a chance to make a statement that the Bill of Rights is more important than a real estate deal or some touted job creation..



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SUBJECT MATTER: Thomson Correctional Center

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POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

1) Thanks For Keeping The Kankakee Womens facility open. That correctional facility is the only one or one of the few in Illinois for women and it is making a difference positively.

2) I was deeply disappointed that the Leese "Ma" Houston Transitional facility in Duquoin IL was closed with ~~no~~ ~~no~~ ~~input~~ ~~on~~ ~~today~~. This facility serves Duquoin, Harvey, Robbins, Markham and some of the highest crimes rates in the state outside Chicago. Harvey ranks number two. Please ~~reconsider~~ reconsider your vote so the community and churches can express their concern & needs for that much needed facility.

3) Have all questions regarding legal issues at Thompson including immigration and asylum concerns been addressed? Will classified information regarding our military be exposed during civil trials? Will a work force assessment be done prior to opening the facility. Why did several states & countries drop these terrorists in their facilities?



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IDENTIFICATION:

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Title: Mr.

Firm / Business or Agency: IL Army National Guard

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Email: _____

POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

☐

No Position

TESTIMONY:

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Oral

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Written Statement Filed

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Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Rob Gryg

Title: SP

Firm / Business or Agency: IDOC

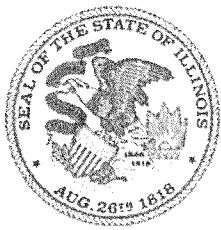
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Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: John Dickerson

Title: Handyman Service

Firm Business or Agency: MIK'S HANDYMAN SERVICES

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Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☒ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: David Mathews

Title: Bus Driver

Firm / Business or Agency: First student

Address: 1909 15th City: Sterling State: Ill Zip: 61081

Email:

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☒ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Lee Trotter

Title: Account Manager

Firm / Business or Agency: DCEO

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POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☒ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☐ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Pennie von Bergen Wessels

Title: concerned citizen (former 73rd State Rep)

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

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POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☒ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Is the plan to reclassify the max prisoners
to medium as you shut down 1500 beds at
Stateville - just like in the Spring of 2008?
Why did you scrub the capacity #'s from the
IDOC site after Dec. 14th



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SUBJECT MATTER:

Thomson Correctional Center

IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Brenda Shepanel

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

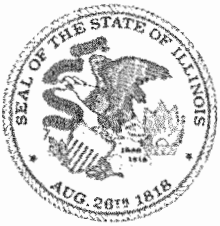
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POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Family Concern



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Sharon Merani

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: _____ City: IL State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

I wish to speak



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: SCOTT M MOHR

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 2307 Deets Rd City: Sterling State: IL Zip: 61051

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Jill Weber

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 3805 Hickory Hills City: Stirling State: IL Zip: 61081

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☐ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

WRITTEN COMMENTS:



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IDENTIFICATION:

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Title: USAF Retiree

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

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POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

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IDENTIFICATION:

Name: Aubrey Olson

Title: _____

Firm / Business or Agency: _____

Address: 1861 Ridge Dr City: Freeport State: IL Zip: 61032

Email: _____

POSITION: ☐ Proponent ☐ Opponent ☒ No Position

TESTIMONY: ☒ Oral ☐ Written Statement Filed ☐ Record of Appearance Only

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SUBJECT MATTER:

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IDENTIFICATION:

Name:

Angela R. Hubbard

Title:

Mother / Teacher

Firm / Business or Agency:

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POSITION:

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Proponent

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Opponent

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No Position

TESTIMONY:

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