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The Honorable Patrick Quinn
207 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Quinn:

The State of Illinois owns a house in a residential area of Pontiac. In the past, it has been the residence for wardens of the Pontiac Correctional Center. This house is not being occupied at the present time. I suggest the state consider the warden's house surplus property and sell it. We may consider the same for wardens' houses in other communities. The funds from the sale could be used for retiring some of the capital debt, since the sale would only be a one-time revenue and best not put into operation's spending. This action would also put the properties back on the tax roles of the local communities.

Further, there is the old prison farm riverfront property and the warden's cabin outside of Pontiac that I suggest we consider putting into public use. This could be done through the Department of Natural Resources, but realizing that department has limited resources, perhaps, a private not-for-profit organization, such as Pheasants Forever or Ducks Unlimited, might be interested in participating.

The actions I have suggested would be a logical disposition of State assets and an enhancement for public use. I look forward to working with your office and agencies on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Rutherford".

Dan Rutherford
State Senator

cc: Michael Randal, Director, Department of Corrections
Warren Ribley, Director, Central Management Services
Marc Miller, Director, Department of Natural Resources
Jerry Stermer, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor