



# Illinois General Assembly

Honorable Governor JB Pritzker  
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Honorable Governor and Director Jeffreys,

Due to recent transfers of significant numbers of inmates out of the Pontiac and Vandalia Correctional Centers, there is significant concern in these communities about the future of those facilities. As both of these correctional centers serve as some of the largest employers in their respective regions, any changes to staffing or inmate population levels would have a major impact on the economic health of those areas.

We understand that there are significant deferred maintenance needs at both facilities and that some shuffling of population levels may be temporarily necessary to make needed repairs and upgrades. We are, however, seriously concerned about the administration's plans for the future of these facilities.

Therefore, your prompt and detailed responses to the following questions would be greatly appreciated.

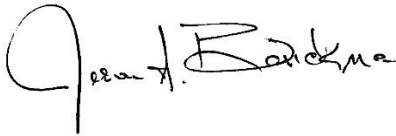
- How many inmates have been transferred out of the Pontiac and Vandalia Correctional Centers in the last twelve months?
- How many inmates will be transferred out of those facilities during the current calendar year?
- What plans are in place for transferring those inmates back to those facilities or to move other inmates in to take their place?
- What are the deferred maintenance needs of the Pontiac and Vandalia Correctional Centers?

- What areas of those two correctional centers have been closed (temporarily or permanently) or are not currently in use for housing inmates?
- What areas of those two correctional centers will soon be closed (temporarily or permanently) or will not be in use for housing inmates?
- What are the plans for repairs or upgrades of the areas that already have been, or will be closed or not in use for housing inmates?
- What capital requests have been made by the Department for those facilities and what is the status of those requests?
- Does the Illinois Department of Corrections have any plans to close all, parts, or either of those facilities permanently? If so, what is the timeline for any closures?

Once you have responded to these questions, would you be willing to meet in person with us to discuss the status and future of the Pontiac and Vandalia Correctional Centers?

Thank you for your time. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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