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Closes Underutilized, Empty State Facilities, Saves Jobs, and Protects Children

Approximately \$70 million in savings in Fiscal Year 13

- **These facilities are underutilized and empty.** Murphysboro does not contain any youths; it is totally empty. Tamms only contains around 200 prisoners. Existing facilities, such as Pontiac and Menard, can absorb and manage Tamms’ population. Women at Dwight will be safely transferred to Logan, and 150 youths at Joliet will be safely transferred to St. Charles.
- **Keeping facilities open will result in 530 layoffs at DCFS.** Conversely, Corrections and Juvenile Justice Employees will NOT LOSE THEIR JOBS. Each employee has been, or will be offered, a position at an existing facility, unless they do not want to continue working for the State. Keeping facilities open eliminates jobs; closing them saves jobs.
- **Keeping facilities open will harm our most-at-risk children across the State.** By funding underutilized, outdated facilities, no money can go towards DCFS intact family services. More children will be separated from their families before their second birthday and more children will enter costly State foster care. Fewer families will receive adoption assistance, which provides these vulnerable children with a safe, stable home. No legislative district will be immune to these drastic cuts.
- **Keeping facilities open costs money that the State doesn’t have.** In this time of State budget crisis, it just doesn’t make sense to keep underutilized, empty State Facilities open, when existing facilities are the cost-effective solution.
- **BOTTOM LINE: We need to close these underutilized, empty State Facilities in order to have the money necessary to fund critical services to our most vulnerable children at DCFS. It’s easy: Close costly facilities, save jobs, and protect children. VOTE “NO” ON THE OVERRIDE OF SB 2474.**



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- **The following 64 organizations support the closure of Tamms:**

ACLU of Illinois	Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
American Civil Liberties Union	Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation, Roosevelt University
8th Day Center for Justice	Mental Health Advocacy Project
Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago	Mental Health America of Illinois
Amnesty International USA	NAMI of Greater Chicago
Amnesty International Midwest Region	NAMI Illinois
Cabrini Green Legal Aid	Midwest Coalition for Human Rights
Champaign-Urbana Citizens for Peace and Justice	Midwest Harm Reduction Institute, Heartland Alliance
Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice	National Lawyers Guild of Chicago
Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights	National Religious Campaign Against Torture
Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc.	New Saints of Humboldt Park
Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers	Next Steps NFP
Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America	Progressive Community Center, The People's Church
Community Renewal Society	Project NIA
Corporation for Supportive Housing	Protestants for the Common Good
Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago	Provincial Council of the Clerics of St. Viator (Viatorians)
Criminal Justice Advocacy for People with Mental Illness	Rabbis for Human Rights North America
Graduate Employees Organization, IFT-AFT Local 6300, AFL-CIO	Rainbow PUSH Coalition
Graduate Employees Organization, IFT-AFT Local 6297, AFL-CIO	Roderick MacArthur Justice Center, Northwestern University School of Law
Heartland Alliance Marjorie Kovler Center	Roosevelt University's Institute for Metropolitan Affairs
Heartland's Midwest Harm Reduction Institute	Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Human Rights Watch	St. Leonard's Ministries
Illinois Coalition Against Torture	Supportive Housing Providers Association
Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy, Roosevelt University	Stateville Speaks, Northeastern University
Illinois Institute for Community Law and Affairs	Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Roosevelt University
Institute for Metropolitan Affairs, Roosevelt University	Tamms Year Ten
Interfaith Alliance of Champaign-Urbana	Thresholds
Interfaith Illinois	Uptown People's Law Center
Jewish Council on Urban Affairs	Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting (Quakers)
John Howard Association	Urbana-Champaign AWARE (Anti-War Anti-Racism Effort)
Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender	Women's Council on Community Intercession
League of Women Voters of Illinois	World Without Genocide