

Governor J.B. Pritzker
Office of the Governor
401 S. Spring St.
Springfield, IL 62704

April 12, 2024

Dear Governor Pritzker,

I am writing to ask you to work with the Illinois Department of Corrections to rebuild Logan Correctional Center at its current location just outside of Lincoln, Illinois.

As a Logan County resident and Illinois taxpayer, I support addressing the safety concerns of the current facility – and doing that in a fiscally responsible way. I am concerned about how my friends and neighbors who derive their livelihood from the Logan Correctional Center will be affected by this closure. Logan County residents have sustained several closures in the last few years. I implore you to consider the personal impact of your actions on the lives of all Illinoisans.

[Please share what this will mean to you/your family here.]

The proposed closure of the Logan Correctional Center in Lincoln will have a significant economic impact on the community and region. An April 2024 Economic Impact Study shows the direct job loss of 493 employees will trigger an additional induced loss of 57 jobs and a cumulative loss of \$38,563,952 in labor income to the region. The cumulative output value shows an overall loss to the region of \$51,989,365 (value added and intermediate expenditures) as an economic impact. The overall projected economic impact of the facility closure totals more than \$61 million, largely due to additional losses in county, state, and federal taxes, an impact of \$9,575,108.

As you are aware, Logan County has had several economic challenges over the last several years. The closing of Lincoln College (estimated annual economic impact of \$51 million) and Lincoln Christian University has impacted our economy through the loss of revenue generated by both institutions from outside sources. Closing Logan Correctional Center will reach far beyond those employed at the facility – the effect will ripple through our community at the cost of an additional 57 jobs. While relocating this facility to a different county may be a zero-sum job loss to the state of Illinois, that cannot be said of the impact on Logan County or the Central Illinois region.

In Logan County, we face many economic challenges. Rebuild Logan Correctional Center at its current location in Logan County and show that you support growth and prosperity in every Illinois county.

Sincerely,