

Monday, April 23, 2018

Governor Bruce Rauner 207 State House Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Bruce Rauner:

We write to you today to follow up on the discussion that occurred at the end of the April 19 Joint Veterans Affairs Committee hearing regarding the Quincy Veterans Home. At the committee hearing we requested additional information from your Special Advisor and Agency Directors.

We are requesting the following information to be released to us no later than close of business April 27, 2018, as was agreed to in the hearing.

Included within the conversation from the hearing, we wanted to be clear about intent. Legislators and their respective staff are ready and willing to draft legislation to expedite the process to ensure the safety and well-being of our Quincy residents. To accomplish this task, we need cooperation from you and your staff, as well as complete and accurate details about your proposed plan. Specifically, we request a list of any applicable laws or rules that need to be temporarily amended in order to handle this matter, including but not limited to those pertaining to procurement or the Capitol Development Board.

It has been months since our first hearing and we have not seen one single legislative request to expedite the needs of the situation that has continued at the Quincy Veterans Home.

Additionally, we request that you, Governor Bruce Rauner, reach out to U.S. President Donald Trump to ensure the Illinois Veterans Home at Quincy receives expedited federal assistance to complete all construction and improvements on its campus.

Thank you for your cooperation and for working with us to bring clarity to an incredibly terrible situation. Together, we must restore the public trust in the ability of your administration to ably care for our Veterans.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Senator Tom Cullerton's Springfield office at (217)782-9463.

Sincerely,

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