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**JOE SOSNOWSKI**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
69TH DISTRICT

January 6, 2012

Dear Walter,

I appreciate your taking the time to call my office regarding the concerns you have about the status of Singer Mental Health Facility in Rockford.

Fortunately, COGFA – the committee that must approve all State of Illinois facility decisions – voted against the closure of this facility, and in November, Governor Quinn agreed to keep Singer Mental Health Center open for the remainder of this budget year. I applaud the outspoken families of patients, dedicated workers of Singer and all residents of the community who demanded that the Governor rise above political games and not close the facility that so many call home.

A funding solution has been filed recently to address the situation; however, there are no long term guarantees that Singer will not be made a political football by Governor Quinn again in the future. Please know that I am fully supportive of any measure that will keep this facility open, and I look forward to engaging in future discussions on how the State can better address the needs, care and funding priorities for Singer and other mental health facilities across Illinois.

Again, thank you for your willingness to share your views on this important issue. Please contact me at any time with regard to this or any future legislative concern you may have. Should you need any further information, please contact my district office at 815-547-3436.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe S" followed by a horizontal line.

Joe Sosnowski  
State Representative  
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