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ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



State Representative
68TH DISTRICT
3444 N Main Street Ste. 80
Rockford, Illinois 61103

August 22, 2012

I am writing today in strong opposition to the closing of Singer Mental Health Center located in Rockford, Illinois.

Singer serves our community in many ways, as well as the counties surrounding us here in Winnebago County. As a Rockford police officer, I know all too well the ramifications of the closing of Singer. When we intervene with our disabled community members, and Singer is not an alternative, we will be adding to the overcrowding of our jails or see an increase in our homeless population. Most of Singer's clients have no where else to go, which would mean that many of them would be forced to live on the streets with no one to care for their needs.

While I understand the fiscal situation that the State of Illinois is facing, I do not feel that closing Singer Mental Health Center, which serves the least of those among us, is the best choice. I respectfully ask that you reconsider the decision to close Singer Mental Health Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Cabello".

John M. Cabello
State Representative
68th District

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