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Dear Secretary Buss:

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According to a report in the *Tallahassee Democrat* on March 15, 2011, the state plans to close three prisons including the Tallahassee Road Prison located at 2628 Springhill Road and transfer the inmates and corrections staff to other state facilities as part of a cost savings effort. The article cited the age of the facility and its associated maintenance costs in the decision to abandon the 1941 facility. The state's long term plans for the Tallahassee Road Prison, whether to repair the facility in the future or to immediately dispose of this state property, are not clear at this time.

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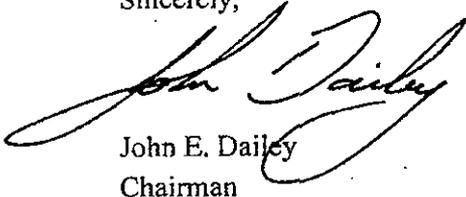
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The Leon County Board of County Commissioners wishes to express an interest acquiring the Tallahassee Road Prison should the state have plans to dispose of it in the near future. The prison is currently located near one of the busiest intersections of the County's south side community which has been targeted for reinvestment and redevelopment opportunities.

Representatives from the County may reach out to your office in the coming weeks to determine the future use of the Tallahassee Road Prison. Please feel free to contact Ken Morris, Leon County's Director of Legislative Affairs and Economic Development, at (850) 606-5300 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John E. Dailey
Chairman

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