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March 31, 2011

Mr. John E. Dailey, Chairman
Leon County Board of County Commissioners
301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Chairman Dailey:

In response to your letter dated March 22, 2011, the Florida Department of Corrections does intend to cease operations at the Tallahassee Road Prison; however, there has been no final decision as to the disposition of the property. As you may be aware the property is leased by the Department from the State of Florida Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (TIIFT); therefore, any final disposition of the property will be administered by the TIIFT through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands.

If the Department classifies the property as surplus, it would be released back to TIIFT which would follow normal procedures to dispose of the land. Briefly, these procedures allow all other state agencies to be given an opportunity to acquire the use of the land; and if the land is no longer needed by the State, it will revert back to the City of Tallahassee.

If the Department does decide to release the property, Leon County will be notified at which time the Division of State Lands could provide assistance to lease the property from TIIFT or pursue a purchase.

If County representatives do reach out to the Department to discuss the Tallahassee Road Prison, please contact Stephen L. Grizzard at 850-410-4111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edwin G. Buss".

Edwin G. Buss
Secretary

cc: Stephen L. Grizzard, Chief of Facilities Services
✓ Ken Morris, Director of Legislative Affairs and Economic Development
Jeff Sharkey, Capitol Alliance Group
Tom Berger, Deputy Director for the Division of Real Estate Development and Management, Department of Management Services
Mike Long, Assistant Director for the Division of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection