

News From State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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Reboletti Seeks Special Session to Discuss Illinois Housing Suspected Terrorists in Thomson

Addison, IL ... In response to federal authorities touring Thomson Correctional Facility as a possible site to house suspected terrorists from Guantanamo Bay, State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) calls on Governor Pat Quinn to call a special session to discuss the proposal.

“The Governor has failed to make a case to the General Assembly and to the public as to why bringing suspected terrorists to Illinois is good public policy. This needs to be further investigated by the General Assembly before a decision is made. There are just too many unknowns at this point,” said Reboletti, a former prosecutor.

Illinois should focus on growing the economy instead of making Illinois the “dumping ground” for suspected terrorists.

“While the governor touts the need for transparency and accountability, he’s busy cutting a backroom deal to sell Thomson to the federal government,” he said.

Reboletti, who serves on the Prison Reform Committee, said he is disappointed that Illinois legislators have not been involved in the process. He sent a letter to the Illinois State Police and Homeland Security asking for their professional opinion regarding the issue.

Reboletti’s concerns include:

- How much would the facility be sold for?
- Exactly how would the revenue be used by the state?
- How many jobs would be offered to Illinois residents?
- Are there safety concerns for Illinois residents?

“There are a lot of decisions that need to be made. You would think that those who work closely with the Department of Corrections would have not only been included in the discussions with federal officials, but would have also known about the proposal before reading about it in the newspaper,” he said.

As the state faces severe budgetary problems, the revenue generated from the sale of Thomson would be beneficial to the state’s finances; however, Reboletti questioned how the money would be used.

“If the Obama administration chose to purchase Thomson, my main concern is how would the new revenue be spent? Would it be used by Governor Quinn to hand out as he sees fit or would the money be used to pay for outstanding bills to Medicaid providers or by the Department of Corrections to upgrade facilities that are in desperate need of repairs? This is a complex issue that must be fully examined before a decision is made,” he said.

No money concerns

Bullet point concern

Like dumping ground

The gov has failed to

There should be approval from GA and almost all of the state reps have been left out of the process. Unanswered questions:

Sale price

How m any actual jobs for IL residents

Any additional safety risks

Bad public policy that we would support a federal prison

Lack of transparency and accountability,

At the same time he’s busy cutting backroom deals, no light is being shed on the situation.

We have so many unanswered questions why it needs to have a full hearing

The way to grow our economy through job creating through small business not bringing in terrorists for the U.S. military.

The gov has failed to make a case to the GA and public as to why this is a good public policy. And that this needs to be further investigated through the process role call on the House floor.

Dumping ground

We should be growing economy fromtop to bottom instead of dumping ground for 100 terrorists.

I sent letter to ISP, Homeland Security , haven't heard the actual sale price,

Nothing should move forward until all of the details.....