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January 5, 2009

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator  
525 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springfield, IL 62703

Re: Brighton-Bunker Hill Road  
Federal Economic Stimulus Legislation

Senator Durbin:

On behalf of the Macoupin County Board, please accept my congratulations on your re-election to the United States Senate. We are pleased to see that you are leading the effort with President-Elect Obama to pass a comprehensive economic stimulus package to breathe life into the Nation's economy.

In November 2005, you were incredibly gracious in helping Macoupin County obtain \$2 million for the development of Brighton-Bunker Hill Road. Following the announcement of the appropriation, the County began engineering as soon as possible. That engineering is now complete and the road is ready to construct. The attachment information gives details regarding the proposed construction of the road and what is necessary for its completion. I am writing to ask that you give consideration to including this \$21.4 million project in the upcoming economic stimulus package.

As you know, Macoupin County has experienced difficult times over the past year. The closure of two of our three coal mines has certainly presented a long list of financial and social challenges to county government.

I am pleased to report, though, that Macoupin County government has responded well to the crisis thus far. We have adjusted our budget, avoided layoffs, maintained services and continue to look for new ways of doing business.

The construction of Brighton-Bunker Hill Road will help grow our economy and it will make our most traveled county road a safely traveled road for commuters. Your consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Of course, I would be available at your convenience to answer any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

Andrew Manar  
Chairman of the Board



**IllinoisCarry.com**  
Valinda Rowe, spokesperson  
1615 Co. Rd. 324 E, Enfield, IL 62835  
618-963-2788

Macoupin County Board  
P.O. Box 39  
County Courthouse  
Carlinville, IL 62626

December 4, 2008

Dear Macoupin County Board Members,

This past general election, at the urging of Winnebago County board members, fourteen Illinois counties placed an advisory referendum on their ballots asking "Shall the general assembly enact legislation to permit the carrying of concealed firearms?" The referendum passed in ten counties and failed by a slim margin in the remaining four.

Although Winnebago County board members were pursuing a License to Carry measure in their own county and had the best of intentions when encouraging other counties to put the measure on their ballots, they did so without considering the inherent risk one takes when entrusting a constitutional right to popular vote. Winnebago County board members also did not take into consideration the effort necessary to educate and inform voters who are not familiar with License to Carry and how successful it has been in other states. The referendum failed in Winnebago County. We at IllinoisCarry would like to discourage additional counties from putting the advisory referendum on their ballots in future elections.

Several new License to Carry bills will be introduced in the General Assembly when legislators return for a new session in January 2009. If you have not already voted to put the advisory referendum on your ballot we strongly urge you to rely on the legislative process and to NOT place the referendum on your ballot.

If, however, you have already voted to place the referendum on your ballots we would ask that you inform us by immediately responding to this letter, thereby allowing us to help educate the voters in your county. We would also strongly urge you to reword the referendum. We feel it is imperative that voters not feel that just anyone would be able to obtain a license to carry a firearm; suggested wording might be, "Should the State Legislature enact legislation to allow trained and licensed law abiding citizens to carry firearms for self defense and other lawful uses?"

IllinoisCarry.com is a Second Amendment discussion and action forum dedicated to securing a License to Carry law in Illinois similar to that enacted in 48 other states.

Sincerely,

Valinda Rowe  
IllinoisCarry.com spokesperson

# Joshua A. Meyer

Chief Public Defender

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MACOUPIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CARLINVILLE, ILLINOIS 62626

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January 13, 2009

Macoupin County Board  
Judicial Committee  
215 South East Street  
Carlinville, IL 62626

Dear Judicial Committee:

Effective January 1, 2009 Karen Brunetto will be put on as a full time employee. She will continue to work thirty two (32) hours weekly with the option of working forty (40) hours as necessary. Her salary will change to \$13.00 per hour. Effective that date Karen will be eligible for full time benefits Health and Dental insurance, tax deductions and IMRF.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



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Joshua A. Meyer  
Chief Public Defender  
Macoupin County Courthouse  
Carlinville, IL 62626  
(217) 854-3211 ext 261

cc: Andy Manar  
Ruth Ann Pomatto  
Joe Novak  
Vera Pratt  
David Thomas  
Julia Watson  
Michael A. Zippay

January 19, 2009

Chairman of the Board  
Macoupin County  
21480B Route 4  
Carlinville, IL 62626



Dear Chairman:

This is to advise you that AmerenIP will be trimming trees in and around the Mt. Olive area in the near future. Enclosed are maps and common addresses of the areas affected. AmerenIP is mailing a notice to customers affected by the tree trimming work. We are also providing a public notice in the newspapers covering your area.

Our qualified line clearance trimmers will trim trees that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole. This free service is necessary to minimize the likelihood of power outages and safety hazards.

If you have any questions about the tree trimming work to be done, please call **1-800-755-5000**, or visit our website at:

[http://www.ameren.com/environment/adc\\_ev\\_VegetationHome.asp](http://www.ameren.com/environment/adc_ev_VegetationHome.asp)

Affected customers and property owners may address their concerns about the proposed work in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795.

Sincerely,

Tobie Grover  
Regional Manager  
AmerenIP - Division V

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