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Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Corey D. Gruber, Acting Deputy Administrator
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Dear Mr. Gruber,

I am writing to you today to support the proposal by the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) to lease the Champaign County Nursing Home (CCNH) facility. The ILEAS has established a partnership with members of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Center for Domestic Preparedness and Counter Terrorism Operations Support) to conduct national level law enforcement training and support other Illinois and regional Homeland Security Preparedness and Response activities.

ILEAS is a coalition of more than 850 local law enforcement agencies in Illinois whose mission is to meet the needs of law enforcement throughout the State of Illinois in matters of mutual aid, emergency response, and the combining of resources for public safety. The Illinois State Police, every county sheriff and 748 police agencies, including the City of Chicago are members.

ILEAS is partnering with the consortium to establish a permanent location in the Midwest to conduct national law enforcement training. I feel that the CCNH will make for a more than satisfactory home for the new Training Consortium, specifically the facilities medical availability and proximity to the University of Illinois. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (217) 403-4690.

Sincerely,

Timothy V. Johnson
Member of Congress