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Mr. Corey D. Gruber  
Acting Deputy Administrator  
National Preparedness Directorate  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Department of Homeland Security  
245 Murray Lane, Building 410  
Washington, D.C. 20528-7000

Dear Mr. Gruber:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corey".

This letter is in support of the proposed Regional Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Training Center in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

It has been a distinct privilege to work with ILEAS and its members on several past occasions and their services have been invaluable in assisting the law enforcement community. In this age of disparate and rapidly evolving threats, it becomes increasingly important to coordinate the training of responders. The ILEAS Training Center would offer the highest standards of training to a variety of law enforcement and homeland security professionals. The benefits of such a training center would be significant for the State of Illinois and the nation as a whole. One example that immediately comes to mind is campus security. Law enforcement, mental health experts, legal advisors and university administrators will be able to train realistically in responding to a "lone shooter" incident.

I am grateful for the opportunity to offer my wholehearted support for this proposal and am available to answer any questions concerning it. Please give it your full consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill".

Colonel Jill Morgenthaler  
Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety  
Office of Governor Rod Blagojevich