

**COUNTY OF UNION,
ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RE-OPENING OF TAMMS
CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Tamms Correctional Center opened in 1995 in Alexander County, Illinois as a 200-bed minimum security prison, expanding in 1998 adding a 500 – bed super maximum security facility designed to hold the most dangerous and violent male prisoners in the State, and

WHEREAS, the Tamms Correctional Center was in operation as a super maximum security prison from 1998 until its closure in January 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Tamms Correctional Center helped increase safety at correctional centers across the State, reducing major incidents, reducing the number of lockdowns, and improving the safety of staff working at the correctional centers, and

WHEREAS, the closing of Tamms Correctional Center put a strain on the already over-crowded State correctional system,

WHEREAS, the Tamms Correctional Center should be reopened in order to ensure the best outcomes for inmates and staff by improving safety and alleviating the strain placed on the correctional system, thereby aiding in the rehabilitation of the State's prison population.

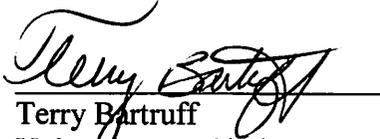
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois as follows:

1. Union County supports Illinois House Resolution 0233, urging Governor Rauner to reopen the Tamms Correctional Center as a new adult administrative segregation unit, to help control the over-crowding in the State's correction system and to ensure the safety of correctional staff and inmates.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 10th day of April, 2015.


Richard Cunningham, Chairman

ATTEST:


Terry Bartruff
Union County Clerk

Dale Russell Bobby Toler Jr

Commissioners voting aye: Richard Cunninham Max Miller Dan Hartline

Commissioners voting nay: _____

Abstention(s): _____

Absent: _____