

August 11, 2009

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
96th General Assembly

I hereby return House Bill 1994 with my specific recommendation for change. I thank the sponsors for their hard work on this legislation. This bill addresses the importance of the Illinois Correctional Industries as a re-entry program within the Department of Corrections. It has helped train and build skills that inmates will be able to utilize once they leave the Department of Corrections and return to their respective communities.

Illinois Correctional Industries is one of the State's most essential goods and services providers, on whom the Department of Corrections and other state agencies rely daily. To ensure success, we must optimize the relationship between the Department of Corrections and Illinois Correctional Industries to enable the Department of Corrections to realize new synergies and efficiencies.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 1994, entitled "AN ACT concerning Illinois Correctional Industries", with the following specific recommendation for change:

on page 8, below line 23, by inserting the following: "Section 99: Effective date. This Act takes effect on July 1, 2010."

With this change, House Bill 1994 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

PAT QUINN
Governor