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September 12, 2006

Roger Walker, Director  
Illinois Dept. of Corrections  
1301 Concordia Ct. Box 19277  
Springfield IL 62794

Dear Director Walker:

AFSCME is concerned that the Department of Corrections has not responded thoroughly enough to the apparent identity theft of Social Security numbers, names, and rates of pay of department employees.

This security breach may have substantial consequences for the economic well-being of our members. However, at this time it does not appear that the Department is taking all feasible steps to minimize employee losses. As a result, AFSCME is taking a number of actions to protect our members to the best of our ability:

- We have contacted Deferred Compensation representatives regarding the heightened threat of identity theft faced by IDOC employees and asked them to place all accounts of IDOC employees on heightened security status.
- We will contact the three major credit reporting agencies and notify them of this development as well.
- We have spoken with the Union Plus credit card plan providers regarding your loss of this information and are working with them to protect union members who have a credit card through AFSCME.
- We have spoken with representatives of the Consumer Fraud Division of the Illinois Attorney General's Office to enlist their assistance in minimizing our members' risk of identity theft.
- We have spoken with the Illinois Comptroller and made a written request that notification be sent to all financial institutions that receive direct deposit of IDOC employee paychecks of your loss of this information.
- We have posted on our Web site ([www.afscme31.org](http://www.afscme31.org)) contact information for all IDOC employees—both AFSCME members and those whom we do not yet represent—who wish to contact credit reporting agencies.

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Since the increased financial risk that employees now face is the responsibility of the Department, IDOC should immediately commit to hold employees harmless for any losses that result, as is the standard business practice of responsible employers when employee information is compromised.

I would urge you to keep the union apprised of any further information that becomes available or actions that you take.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Bayer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Henry Bayer  
Executive Director

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