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To: All Camp Pharsalia Members

From: Richard Harcrow, President

Subject: Closing

Date: March 10, 2005

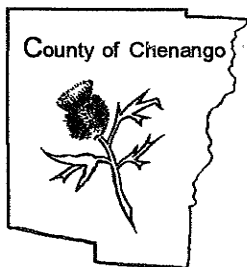
I am pleased to enclose a letter from the Chenango County Board of Supervisors supporting us in our endeavor to keep Camp Pharsalia in operation.

Also enclosed is a resolution that their Board adopted.

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Encs.

cc: Tony Farda, Central Region VP  
Dan Annutto, Central Region BA



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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
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March 4, 2005

Mr. Richard Harcrow, President  
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Dear Mr. Hackett:

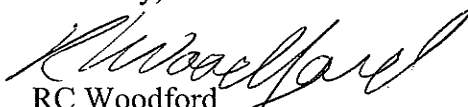
I am in receipt of your letter dated February 25, 2005, regarding the closing of the Camp Pharsalia Correctional Facility, and your timing is impeccable. I have enclosed a certified copy of Chenango County Board of Supervisors Resolution #11-05, entitled "Reaffirming Strong Opposition to the Plan to Close the Camp Pharsalia Correctional Facility in the Town of Pharsalia," which mirrors a resolution adopted in February 2004.

As directed by the final "Resolved," certified copies of Resolution were distributed on February 18, 2005. In part, the cover letter for distribution states: *"Camp Pharsalia has been a vital asset to the Chenango County community for generations. Not only does the Camp provide stable, family-sustaining employment and wages for over 100 residents of Chenango, Cortland, and Madison Counties, it also is a resource for many local governments and organizations. While inmates work on many maintenance and forestland projects, a benefit to our local organizations, they also learn invaluable job skills for their future, a benefit to the inmate population."*

Resolution #11-05 was personally offered by the Chairman of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, Mr. Richard B. Decker. I believe I can safely say the uncertain future of Camp Pharsalia is one of Mr. Decker's priority issues.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

  
RC Woodford  
Clerk of the Board

Enc.

Cc: Mr. Decker, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION # 11-05**

**REAFFIRMING STRONG OPPOSITION  
TO THE PLAN TO CLOSE THE CAMP  
PHARSALIA CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF  
PHARSALIA**

Mr. Decker offered the following, and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, by Resolution #17-04 dated February 9, 2004, this Board did express its opposition to the planned closing of Camp Pharsalia, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed 2005-2006 New York State budget lacks funding for operations of Camp Pharsalia, and

WHEREAS, the lack of progress toward sustaining operations of Camp Pharsalia causes this Board of Supervisors to restate its strong opposition to the planned closing of said Facility, and

WHEREAS, when Camp Pharsalia was established in 1956, one of its main objectives was to conserve Chenango County's natural resources – the County of Chenango has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest amount of State forestland in New York State, and

WHEREAS, the inmates at Camp Pharsalia have successfully worked with employees of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in maintaining Chenango County's State forests, and

WHEREAS, the loss of said inmate workforce would have a significant impact on maintaining said state forests, and

WHEREAS, the closing of Camp Pharsalia would have a significant employment and economic impact on the County of Chenango, Cortland County and Madison County, and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that employment opportunities are difficult to find in rural Upstate New York and that the loss of 105 jobs would have a significant impact on the employment of people within Chenango County. The County's unemployment rate as of December 2004 was 5.8%, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the employment and economic benefits that the County of Chenango receives from this Camp, the County would lose the services of the inmates of this facility in various community work projects, and

WHEREAS, it should also be noted that the operations of this Camp have worked extremely well since its establishment in 1956 and have become an integral part of Chenango County, and

WHEREAS, the Chenango County Board of Supervisors has received numerous petitions and letters from the citizens of this County requesting the Board's assistance in opposing the plan to close Camp Pharsalia Correctional Facility,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chenango County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes any effort by the State of New York to close Camp Pharsalia Correctional Facility in Chenango County, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of this Board call upon Governor George E. Pataki and our elected State representatives to request their assistance in opposing said closure, and be it further

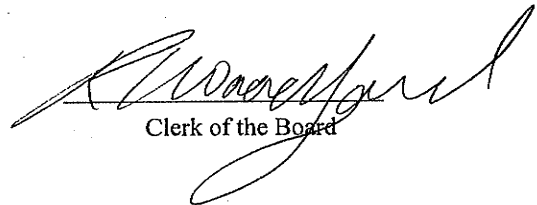
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Pataki, Senators Seward and Libous, Assemblymen Crouch, Finch and Hooker, the New York State Commissioner of Corrections, the Cortland County Legislature and the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

Seconded by Mr. Messineo and duly adopted.

State of New York)  
County of Chenango)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Chenango County on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005 and of the whole thereof.

Dated, Norwich, N.Y.  
March 4, 2005

  
Clerk of the Board