I request that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) halt plans to close the California Correctional Center (CCC) in Susanville, California until CDCR engages stakeholders in the decision making process.

The Legislative Analyst’s Office on February 2, 2021 listed four prisons as candidates for closure because of high estimated repair or operational costs. The CCC was not on that list.

This decision was made without following the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process to assess impacts on my community and provide public comment. The closure of the CCC would severely adversely impact employment, property value, public services, public health, small businesses and schools in Susanville and Lassen County. It would adversely affect the state’s program for inmate fire fighters at a season of increasing catastrophic wildfires.

Please continue to fund the CCC in the State of California’s budget until impacts on my community are properly addressed.