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City Manager, Danny Langloss

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Federal Correctional Institution, Pekin
Attention: Warden Frederick Entzel
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Pekin, IL 61554
Email: PEK/ExecAssistant@bop.gov

Warden Entzel,

The Dixon City Council, all 103 members of our city team, and our community stand united in strong opposition to the early release of Rita Crundwell. Rita has only served 7 years of a 19-year, 7 month sentence for the theft of more than \$53 million from the City of Dixon.

This crime was not spur of the moment or made under duress. This crime was not precipitated by financial hardship depriving her of basic human needs. This was a premeditated, carefully calculated plan fueled by greed and a desire for fame that was executed over a 20-year period.

Rita lived a life of luxury while Dixon's roadways crumbled, public infrastructure was neglected, public safety services were denied necessary funding, and city employees took multi-year pay freezes. Rita destroyed public trust and confidence and the reputations and careers of many dedicated public servants. Rita's decades-long criminal endeavor still lingers over the Dixon community and is ever-present in the minds of our citizens.

The damage she has done, both financially and psychologically, was and remains unprecedented. Early release of Rita Crundwell would destroy trust and confidence in our great judicial system, send a dangerous message to any public official considering theft, and reignite the rage and anger that our Dixon community has worked so hard to overcome. She must pay her debt to society through the service of her full sentence.

Sincerely,

Danny D. Langloss, Jr.
City Manager – City of Dixon