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Statement from the Washington County Commissioners

The news that the governor intends to act unilaterally to close the Downeast Correctional Facility is a serious blow to Washington County's already fragile economy and a stunning act of executive over-reach in defiance of the legislative process. It is especially disheartening that this latest economic blow is inflicted upon us by our own governor, twice elected with the overwhelming support of Washington County voters. We are profoundly disappointed and, frankly, infuriated. We hope the Courts can prevent this travesty.

“The Sunrise County – where the sun first shines!”