

FEB 27 2024



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Region 2 / District 3  
700 East Norris Drive / Ottawa, Illinois 61350-1628

February 20, 2024

Samantha F. Lawrence  
*Anne Nicol Gaylor Legal Fellow*  
*Freedom From Religion Foundation*  
P.O. Box 750  
Madison, WI 53701

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 2024, reporting the existence of a religious "Little Free Library" at the intersection of Old Route 66 and Livingston County East 1100 North Road just south of Pontiac, Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation has not posted or has no record of a permit issued to install this small kiosk within the state-maintained highway rights-of-way in that location. Last week, our local IDOT field maintenance yard crew inspected the area and removed the "Little Free Library" kiosk in accordance with our policy regarding signs, billboards, or advertising on IDOT property and Illinois highways right-of-way.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Junior Senat, District Operations Engineer, at (815) 434-8449.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Travia, P.E.  
Director of Highways Project Implementation  
Chief Engineer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Junior Senat".

By: Junior Senat, P.E.  
District Operations Engineer