



**Illinois  
Department of Commerce  
& Economic Opportunity**

JB Pritzker, Governor

May 17, 2022

Governor JB Pritzker  
Members of the General Assembly  
Illinois State Capitol Building  
401 S. 2nd Street  
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Governor and Members of the General Assembly:

The following report fulfills the statutory directive that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) provide the Governor and the Members of the General Assembly with an annual report on Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund. The Section 25 of the Good Samaritan Energy Plan Act authorizes the DCEO to administer the Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund with the advice and consent of the Low-Income Energy Assistance Policy Advisory Council established under the Energy Assistance Act of 1989. Donations received for the Fund shall be made available for the purpose of alleviating utility bill arrearages for households determined eligible for LIHEAP and the Department may use up to 10 percent of the money donated for the Fund for the expenses of the Department and the local area agency incurred in administering the Fund. Resources from the Fund shall be awarded to local area agencies that have existing contracts with the Department to administer LIHEAP in Illinois.

**Reporting Requirements**

Section 35 of the Good Samaritan Energy Plan Act requires the Department to submit a report to the General Assembly on the use and effectiveness of the Good Samaritan Energy Trust Fund. The following is submitted in compliance with this requirement and to provide members of the legislature with information on how DCEO incorporated these funds into existing programs to benefit Illinois low-income households.

Please feel free to contact the Department with any questions about this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia I. Garcia".

Sylvia I. Garcia  
Director