May 7, 2010

The Honorable Patrick J. Quinn
Governor
State of Illinois
State House Room 207
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Via Hand Delivery

Dear Governor Quinn:

The proposed Emergency Budget Act will provide your office with broad discretion to determine spending levels for state programs. The House Black Caucus is willing to support your office in its request for such authority; subject to a memorandum of understanding that spending levels on critical education and human services initiatives are maintained in FY 2011 at the same level they were funded at FY 2010 levels. Please find attached a list of initiatives deemed critical to the Black Caucus. We look forward to discussing this letter and the MOU at your earliest convenience.

Program	**FY 2010**	**FY 11 - Gov Introduced**
Teen Reach	$ 904,600.00	$ 966,400.00
TANF	$ 93,297,500.00	$ 102,646,900.00
Grow Your Own	$ 3,150,000.00	$ 2,500,000.00
Ceasefire	$ 5,600,000.00	$ -
Summer Jobs	$ 2,300,000.00	$ 2,300,000.00
Early Childhood Education	$ 342,235,300.00	$ 287,931,000.00
Child Care – Spec Foster Care	$ 304,133,800.00	$ 312,452,000.00
Community Care Program	$ 553,006,400.00	$ 502,832,800.00
Family Case Management	$ 9,307,700.00	$ 9,907,500.00
Healthy Families Illinois	$ 10,123,000.00	$ 9,110,700.00
GSA Poverty Grant	$ 4,615,975,700.00	$ 3,987,215,500.00
Truant Alternative Education	$ 18,070,300.00	$ 8,446,000.00
Redeploy Illinois	$ 2,816,600.00	$ 2,534,900.00
Safety Networks	$ 325,000.00	$ -
Eliminate Digital Divide	$ 5,500,000.00	$ 5,500,000.00

Transitional Jobs	$ 9,000,000.00	$ 9,000,000.00
Minority AIDS/HIV Outreach	$ 3,150,000.00	$ 3,150,000.00
Adult Education	$ 23,000,000.00	$ 23,000,000.00
Student Financial Assistance Center	$ -	$ -
DFI	$ 1,400,000.00	$ 1,400,000.00
CAHMP	$ 531,000.00	$ 531,000.00
EOGP	$ 2,910,000.00	$ 2,910,000.00
Chicago Area Project	$ 5,360,000.00	$ 5,360,000.00

Sincerely,

Representative Esther Golar, House Chair, on behalf of
House Black Caucus