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Dear Ty,

I just wanted to follow up from our phone conversation this morning. As I mentioned I was having a conversation with Robin Robinson about the state's progress in launching an Aftercare program for our youth exiting the Juvenile Justice system and she thought it would be ideal for the Governor to have a conversation with you about these crucial issues on your Sunday morning program.

In addition to Aftercare, I think it would be ideal to have the Governor on to speak about key initiatives impacting your Sunday morning listening audience. Last week for instance Governor Quinn announced his Neighborhood Recovery Initiative and the week prior he announced the extension of Put Illinois to Work (the transition jobs program employing over 27,000 people at $10/hr jobs). Combined, these programs account for over a $100m investment in the hardest hit communities throughout the next year.

In these especially difficult economic times the Governor has put a recovery plan in place akin to the Works Progress Administration of the 1930s that is focused on generating public and private jobs, making work accessible to the recently unemployed and the difficult to employ, and stabilizing communities in crisis through therapeutic systems like mentoring, substance abuse and mental health treatment, foreclosure counseling, and job skills training as well as helping small business. These plans focus on local community based providers being given the capacity to impact the constituents that they know best. Beyond highlighting the launch it will be important for people to know where they can go to get access to services as they roll out in the next month or so.

Thanks so much for returning my call in such a timely manner when you have so many commitments throughout the day. Please let me know if you have any questions and whether this Sunday will work. You can reach me at any time on my cell at 773.[redacted].

Thanks,

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