From: Cross, Ashley
To: Irving, Toni
Cc: Weems, Malcolm
Subject: RE: What am I missing?
Date: Thursday, October 07, 2010 4:54:00 PM

This okay with you?

The Neighborhood Recovery Initiative is a comprehensive effort to keep our young people safe and to reduce violence in Illinois' most vulnerable communities. The program is being funded through a combination of federal and state dollars. It is not additional spending, but part of the appropriations passed by the Illinois General Assembly for state priorities. Investing in critical programs now – like after school and job creation initiatives - is an economically-sound strategy to combat violence and lower long-term costs.

Governor Quinn understands the difficulties the state's financial situation is having on people who provide invaluable services for our state, and his budget office is working with providers to process expedited payments to the best of the state's financial ability. He is fully committed to making good on all payments due, but he cannot act alone. The Governor has been working with the General Assembly to pursue a combination of strategies to help the state solve its $13 billion dollar deficit. These strategies include creating jobs, cutting spending, responsible borrowing, help from the federal government, and increasing revenues.

Governor Quinn is committed to protecting Illinois' residents against the devastating effects of domestic violence and sexual assault. To that end, he has signed legislation this year to increase victims' rights and to require law enforcement agencies to submit evidence collected through a sexual assault criminal investigation to an Illinois State Police laboratory within 10 business days, the first law of its kind in the nation.

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Funding is by community, not ward and the plan is to have equal targets for each community.

Domestic Violence and sexual assault are extremely important issues in the Quinn admin as indicated by the groundbreaking rape kit testing legislation which is the best in the nation. There are atleast 2 other pieces of important related leg passed this summer that Lindsay will have. That said, the NRP is focused on gun related violence and the related consequences. The initiative is reflective of the Governor's mission to have a gun ban.

Barbara shd be able to provide info on DV and SA related funding from the state.

Yesterday PQ told the press that we have funding to cover two years. We expect getting plans and programs in place will allow a slower start up time and make it possible for funds to stretch 2 yrs from a November launch. I'll check w/Malcolm to see if there is add'l nuance.

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From: Cross, Ashley
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How long is the $50m for? 1 year? 2? Fiscal or calendar?

And, do we have a breakdown of funding by ward? (I told him that I didn't think so)

A couple of violence prevention groups (IL Coalition against Sexual Assault and the Coalition Against DV) are coming out against the program bc they haven't received payments yet.

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From: Irving, Toni
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The break just ended. Can it keep till 3:15 when this session ends?

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From: Cross, Ashley
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Perfect timing! Can you give me a quick call? Some follow-up questions from yesterday to ask. Thanks!
312-814-6721

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