From: Irving, Toni
To: "Billy Ocasio"
Subject: FW: NRI Alert - Major Cuts in Funding
Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 10:37:00 AM

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From: Shaw, Barbara
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 10:34 AM
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Subject: RE: NRI Alert - Major Cuts in Funding

Yes. I'm driving down to Springfield for the House Public Safety Committee hearing and to talk with legislators--leaving in a few minutes. So, I can call in on my cell anytime before 4:00 when the hearing starts.

From: Irving, Toni
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 10:32 AM
To: Shaw, Barbara; Weems, Malcolm; Ocasio, Billy
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Can all of you do a 15 minute conference call today?

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From: David Whittaker [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 7:05 AM
To: Shaw, Barbara; Adam M. Alonso; Andre Hines; Angela Page; Angie Lobo; Anne Barclay; Aurora Cruz; Camille Odeh; Carlos Heredia; Carlos Nelson; Cheyenne Cochrane; Cory Mulddon; D. Braxton; Dave Lyke; David Cassel; Dennis Regnier; Don Patterson; Edgar Ramirez; Ephraim Eaddy; Georgette Greenlee-Finney; Gregory A. Dean Jr.; Harold T. Rice; Henry English; Howard Lathan; Izalia Short; Jaclin Davis; Jamie Arteaga; Jamiko Rose; Jason Ervin; Jennifer Artis; Jimi Orange; John Holton; Kanu Iheukumere; Kathryn Saclarides; Khaleelah Muhammad; Kristin Ogren; Latonya Lumpkin; Lisa M. Labiak; Mary Johnson; Michael Rodriguez; Monica Masana; Paul Naranjo; Peter Nicholson; Radhika Sharma Gordon; Rev. Michael Pfleger; Reverend JLMiller; Rodney C. Walker; Salim Al Nurridin (salnurridin@hcionline.org); Sharronne Ward; Shawn Reaves; Sheryl Holman; Susana Stoll; Talmadge Betts; Teresa Bentley; Tina Mangrum; Valencia Myles; Vickie Rivkin; David Whittaker; [redacted]
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NRI ALERT

CALL TO IMMEDIATE ACTION

May 11, 2011

TO: Neighborhood Recovery Initiative Community Based Coalition

RE: MAJOR CUTS IN FUNDING

We have just received news from Springfield that an amendment has been filed to HB 2168 that will have a devastating impact on two (2) very vital community based programs, including the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative (NRI) and the Safety Net Works Program. Specifically Amendment 1 of HB 2168 will reduce funding to NRI down to $10 million dollars (from it's current funding level of $33 million) and eliminate funding **entirely** for the Safety Net Works Program. Needless to say, communities served by these important violence reduction initiatives will suffer serious harm if this amendment is enacted.

BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CHANGE THINGS.

At 4:00PM today, Wednesday, May 11, 2011, Amendment 1 to HB 2168 is scheduled to be heard and voted on in the Illinois House Public Safety Committee.

Now is the time to act. We must contact each member of the Public Safety Committee (see attached list) and ask each of them to vote NO! on Amendment 1 of HB 2168. Explain to them the impact a reduction and loss of these funds will have on your communities now and in the future. At a minimum each of us will need to do the following:

1) Contact members of the Illinois House Public Safety Committee and ask them to vote NO to Amendment 1 of HB 2168

2) Contact your local state representatives and ask them to support full funding restoration for NRI and Safety Net Works Programs.

3) Contact your state senators and request that they speak with their local representatives and ask them to support full funding of NRI and Safety Net Works Programs (please note that many members of the Senate Appropriation Committee has already expressed their support for full funding of both programs)

To reiterate we must act **immediately** to save both programs. It's up to us. We can mobilize our communities and we can change the direction of this budget cutting proposal.

Lets make change happen.