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TO: Neighborhood Recovery Initiative Community Based Coalition

Re: Follow-up Strategy to Public Safety Committee

As you are undoubtedly aware by now, the Illinois House Public Safety Committee unfortunately voted to approve Amendment 1 of HB 2168.
This amendment cuts funding for the Neighborhood Recovery Initiative down to $10 million (from the original level of $33 million) and it totally eliminates funding for the Safety Net Works program (previously $4 million).
Now the amendment is scheduled to come for a floor vote before the Illinois House of Representatives. Here is where we can have our greatest impact. Specifically, another amendment needs to be introduced on the floor of the Illinois House of Representatives which will restore funding for the NRI and Safety Net Works programs.
Among other things, our strategy should include the following:

Immediately contact your State Representatives and explain to them the situation and the impact the loss/reduction of funding will have on your communities.

Ask your State Representative to contact Representative Luis Arroyo, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee to get him to sponsor an Amendment that restores funding to NRI and Safety Net Works.

Ask your State Representatives to sign on as Co-Sponsors of the amendment to restore funding. We will need to secure at least 25 Co-Sponsors of the amendment to have a decent chance of passage.

We need to move on this strategy **immediately** since the House is currently moving all of their budget bills out. Call, text, and email your representative today and get your community supporters to do likewise.
The next battle ground will be in the State Senate. However, we have built a great deal of support there where the NRI and Safety Net Works funding levels remain at their current levels. So our focus today will be on the Illinois House of Representatives.
Don't forget about tomorrow's conference call.