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Good morning NRI Colleagues. Despite the excellent advocacy efforts on the part of NRI and SNW leaders, the legislative session ended last night with NRI reduced to $10 million in FY 12 and no funding for Safety Net Works. IVPA also suffered some other major setbacks.

It will be an enormous challenge to plan for a drastically reduced effort in the future while pressing forward to fully implement our planned efforts for this year so that our communities get full value for the funds we have been given for this year. I know we can do it if we work together.

In terms of planning for the future, there need to be many conversations about options for moving forward. We will be hosting a Lead Agency meeting within the next two weeks to get your input. Please watch for an email from Lorri Jenkins for possible dates for this meeting. At the Lead agency meeting we will focus on both maintaining our FY11 efforts and discussing FY12 options and plans.

Thank you very much for your advocacy efforts. Special thanks to David Whitaker and Chicago Area Project for their diligence in Springfield working for NRI and SNW.

Lets let our commitment to our communities carry us forward.

Best,
Barbara