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The Honorable Pat Quinn  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Quinn:

This is to affirm the support of the Chicago Community Trust for the State of Illinois' Budgeting For Results process and congratulate the Budgeting for Results Commission on its fine work. The Trust has been pleased to be represented on the Commission during the past year by senior program officer James Lewis and we feel that the Commission and the State have made outstanding progress on implementation. The Trust was particularly pleased to make a grant this past year in support of the State's strategy mapping initiative, an important step in defining goals for the operation of the state's various agencies and departments. The Commission's initial report provides a variety of recommendations that will strengthen the budget process.

Budgeting for Results represents a remarkable opportunity for Illinois to assert leadership nationally in developing efficient and effective government. With the stress on revenues that we are all experiencing at this time, it is essential that state resources be allocated in the most effective ways to address the most pressing needs of Illinois residents. Budgeting for Results has the potential to help the Governor and General Assembly to make the most effective decisions and establish strong lines of accountability to agencies, departments and their providers.

The Trust continues to appreciate your leadership in these challenging times and we look forward to continuing to assist the process where we can be helpful.

Sincerely,

Terry Mazany  
President and CEO