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AT VOICES FOR ILLINOIS CHILDREN

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Governor Pat Quinn
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph, 16-100
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Governor Quinn:

As a member of the Budgeting for Results Commission, I want to express my support for the ongoing BFR initiative. Senator Dan Kotowski and John Kamis should be commended for their leadership in guiding the Commission's work. It is encouraging that the Governor's Office of Management and Budget has adopted many of the recommendations in our first report, which was released last November.

As BFR moves forward, numerous challenges remain in developing effective strategies for setting priorities, allocating resources, and evaluating programs. With systematic planning, constructive consultation with relevant stakeholders, and careful implementation, Budgeting for Results could substantially improve transparency and accountability in the state budget process. Policymakers, advocates, service providers, and the broader public all have a stake in focusing on the *results* of budget decisions, including the impact on children, families, and communities across Illinois.

Sincerely,



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