[Date]

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[Office Street Address]

[Office City Address], IL [ZIP]

Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

As a constituent who votes in your district, I am writing about an issue that is very important to me: restoring state funding for social services in our state of Illinois. I am very proud to live in Illinois. We have a great history of leading this country, we are the Land of Lincoln. But the budget stalemate is strangling the agencies that provide critical services for children, families, and communities. I write to you to express my concern that those most in need in our state – seniors, the poor, and the disabled – are suffering. Please help make Illinois the great state it once was.

* We have more than 30,000 homeless children in our state
* 46 out of 102 Illinois counties on the Poverty Watch or the Poverty Warning list
* 90% of homeless care centers to cut services or close
* Services for 70,000+ domestic violence survivors at risk

I think you would agree this is not acceptable. I respectfully ask that you speak up on the floor of the General Assembly and look for ways to create funds that bring Illinois social services spending back up to a level that helps these services survive during your budget impasse.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Your Name  
Your Title  
Your Address  
Your City, State, Zip  
Your Phone Number