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Dear [Legislator]:

As a community member living in your district, I am writing to express my serious concern with the budget cuts Governor Rauner executed earlier this month. I strongly oppose the Governor's \$26 million cut to social services and public health grants, and I urge you to work with other members of the General Assembly to restore funding for these and other vital services.

This \$26 million cutback to the Department of Human Services Grants and the Department of Public Health will affect afterschool programs and other services that directly support children, youth and families in our state. An estimated **70,000 students and 11,000 families utilize afterschool programs every day** – including individuals living in your district. These cuts counteract and undermine the important work community schools do to support youth, families and communities. Restoring social services and public health grants should be an urgent priority for our legislators.

I urge you and other members of the legislature to oppose Governor Rauner's destructive budget cuts, and to **restore Teen REACH funding and support the Expanded Learning Program in ISBE's budget!** With your help, we can sustain funding that improves the safety and well-being of thousands of Illinoisans who benefit from afterschool programs.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[City]