

Your Address
Any Town, IL 6_____

Date

Your Representative (Senator) (Governor)
Address
Springfield, IL 6_____

Dear Representative (or Senator) (or Governor):

We are (I am) writing to you to ask for your leadership in negotiating a fair and equitable budget for the State of Illinois.

Our State Constitution makes it clear that a purpose of our State government is to “eliminate poverty and inequality; assure legal, social and economic justice; provide opportunity for the fullest development of the individual.”

Social service agencies, which are contracted by the State to provide services, are a key element in ensuring that those who are most in need receive the services that are needed. These services are provided to those in our communities who are poor, hungry, homeless, children, and the elderly. These services ensure that those whose needs are greatest have the opportunity for development to their fullest potential. Social service agencies need consistent and sufficient funding to ensure that services are provided.

(Several personalized sentences can be added here about how you or your congregation currently and historically has supported Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For example, “Our congregation supports LSSI by volunteering through Storybook and giving to LSSI annually through Good Shepherd Sunday. We are doing our part as private, faithful citizens. Or, you could add 2-3 sentences about how LSSI has touched your life, your congregation, or your community)

Your leadership is necessary in achieving a negotiated budget that provides sufficient and consistent funds for social service agencies.

Thank you for your time in reading our (my) request.

Sincerely,

Jane and John Doe