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Dear Friend,

As of the time I'm writing you, Governor Rauner is still considering a plan to keep half of Municipalities LGDF money in order to help balance the state budget.

This is not the first time we've seen policymakers threaten the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). I voted to protect your community's share of this funding because I understand that local governments are counting on that money to fund this year's services. You already know the importance of this funding to help retain critical public safety personnel like police and firefighters in your own community.

I am aware that any reduction in LGDF to local government could force leaders into very difficult positions, particularly in light of ongoing conversations regarding property tax freeze legislation. I don't want to put our communities in peril to pay for the irresponsible decisions of past politicians in Springfield.

You're already familiar with what a cut would mean for your own community. For some context, I've attached data on Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF)

These current budget problems were created in Springfield. We need to do our level best to solve them without asking you to carry an undue share of the burden. I want to assure you that I will continue to call for compromise and common sense.

Sincerely,

Melinda Bush

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State Senator, 31st Senate District

THE EFFECT OF LGDF CUTS

IN THE

31ST SENATE DISTRICT

Local Government	Total LGDF in FY2014	Likely LGDF in FY2016	Amount lost under 50% cut
Antioch	$1,375,632	$1,426,124	($713,062)
Beach Park	$1,300,129	$1,347,850	($673,925)
Grayslake	$1,996,802	$2,070,094	($1,035,047)
Gurnee	$2,983,395	$3,092,900	($1,546,450)
Hainesville	$344,795	$357,451	($178,725)
Lake Villa	$833,291	$863,877	($431,939)
Lindenhurst	$1,378,682	$1,429,286	($714,643)
Old Mill Creek	$16,969	$17,592	($8,796)
Round Lake	$1,743,515	$1,807,510	($903,755)
Round Lake Beach	$2,685,961	$2,784,548	($1,392,274)
Round Lake Heights	$255,107	$264,471	($132,235)
Round Lake Park	$714,819	$741,056	($370,528)
Third Lake	$112,682	$116,818	($58,409)
Wadsworth	$363,689	$377,038	($188,519)
Wauconda	$1,296,792	$1,344,391	($672,195)
Waukegan	$8,491,928	$8,803,621	($4,401,811)
Winthrop Harbor	$642,724	$666,315	($333,158)
Zion	$2,327,325	$2,412,748	($1,206,374)