**GENERAL ASSEMBLY’S “50 PERCENT BUDGET”**

*CREATES $9.2 BILLION FUNDING GAP,*

*FORCES MASSIVE CUTS IN FUNDAMENTAL STATE SERVICES*

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

To close the General Assembly’s budget gap, the Department of Public Health must:

**Cut community public health services by $61 million.** These cuts include:

- Reducing from 38,500 to 17,000 the number of women screened and treated through the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program $9 million
- Eliminating Vaccines for Children Plus program $5 million
- Eliminating grants to Local Health Departments for food, water, sewage and infectious disease services 17 million
- Eliminating grant to Illinois Poison Control Center for 24-hour hotline, prevention and treatment $2 million
- Eliminating Community Health Center Expansion sustaining funds $3 million
- Eliminating grants to 11 Regional Perinatal Centers providing services to high-risk newborns throughout the state $2 million
- Eliminating Vision and Hearing Screening grants funding services to 100,000 schoolchildren statewide $600,000
- Eliminating the Communities of Color Prostate Cancer Initiative providing outreach, education and screenings to 75,000 Illinois men $1 million
- Eliminating the Communities of Color HIV/AIDS Initiative providing education and HIV testing to more than 300,000 youth and adults $3 million
- Eliminating Juvenile Diabetes Research grant $1 million

**Cutting these and other grant programs will eliminate preventive services that protect the health of the people of Illinois.**

**Cut state-provided preventive services by $9.5 million.** These cuts include:

- Laying off 64 state workers who investigate possible neglect and abuse of nursing home residents $4 million
- Laying off 40 state workers who monitor and regulate water quality at public swimming pools, beaches, youth camps, and wells $2 million

**These cutbacks will result in layoffs of 104 full-time state employees.**