

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.