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Jones backed by City, County, and Federal Elected Officials, put forward TRECC Human Service Centers Plan to Governor JB Pritzker for Underserved Neighborhoods in Illinois.

Chicago, Illinois – Senate Deputy Majority Leader Emil Jones III met with Governor JB Pritzker on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, unveiling the TRECC Human Service Centers plan backed by Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer, Chicago Alderman Gilbert Villegas, State Representative Cyril Nichols, and Community leaders. A host of other state and federal elected officials have offered their support along with the following community organizations: Coalitional of African-American Leaders (COAL), Urban Tech Academy, Books over Balls, National Block Club University, and Black Oaks Center for Sustainable Renewable Living.

The TRECC Human Service Center plan outlines a $43 million dollar investment in each of the seven neighborhoods identified in Cook and St. Clair Counties, providing a one stop shop tackling crime, mental health, violence, unemployment, community, broadband and nutrition access within the communities. The residents of the community are the focus, while simultaneously offering wrap around services within their own neighborhood ensuring the tools are there to assist the community in navigating life challenges.

The state of Illinois, county of Cook, and city of Chicago received over a combined $11 billion dollars to address:

- Fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts;
- Maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue;
- Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity.

“The time has come to revitalize, intentionally develop, and financially invest the remaining SLFRF funds to better equip Illinois residents. Reversing the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, while helping Illinoisans become productive, vibrant, better educated, healthy and whole contributing members of the great state of Illinois” Jones said.

The state of Illinois was awarded the billions of dollars of support due to the efforts of our Illinois Congressional delegation and the conditions in which our communities were in pre pandemic. It is vital that we don’t waste the fruits of their labor by leaving our Illinois communities in the same or worse conditions than they were prior to the pandemic. Ensuring that there is a tangible resource within the community for Illinoisans to address crime, mental health, violence, unemployment, community, broadband and nutrition access is the sole aim.

We encourage Governor JB Pritzker to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity of federal and state resources to ensure that underserved communities have a place of hope assisting them with living a safe and healthy life for generations to come. It takes a healthy village to raise a child!