

Call to Action: Write a Letter to Your Senator and Representative

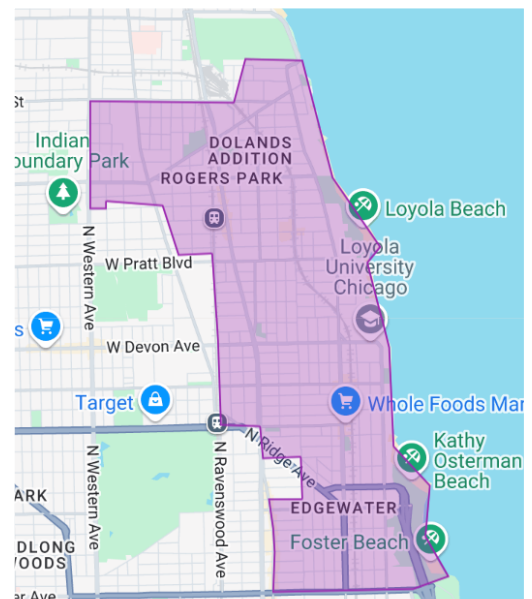
Renew and increase Illinois' investment in communities to \$15 million to provide grants to hard-working families so that they can purchase Reclaiming homes.

Letters will be collected at All Saints, blessed on May 4 and then delivered to our legislators.

Please write a personalized letter that reflects WHY you believe in the work of United Power and Reclaiming Chicago OR personalize the template provided.

Instructions for Using the Draft Letter Template:

1. Address the letter to your IL Senator or Representative.
 - a. [Click Here: Find My Elected Officials](#)
2. Personalize your letter after "This is a top priority for me."
 - a. Credential yourself/share who YOU are
 - i. Give some background about yourself and/or your family
 - ii. Include the address of where you live.
 - iii. Note your connection to local institutions (e.g. being involved at All Saints, where you work) – mentioning that you work or worship locally.
 - b. **Share about WHY you believe in this work – WHY it is important to you** – you might talk about your faith, your family, the results of this work, the importance of rebuilding our city together, etc. If you can, share a story that explains why.
3. Sign the letter and drop it in the box at the back of All Saints.



April 2025

Dear

I am writing to express my strong support for including \$15 million in the state budget in order to provide homebuyer investment for United Power's Reclaiming Chicago initiative.

There is currently a line item in the state budget for \$10 million for the Reclaiming Chicago efforts. The grant is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IHDS). United Power has successfully utilized these funds to provide grants to hard-working families so that they can purchase Reclaiming homes. We need to renew this line item and increase it to \$15 million.

The Reclaiming Chicago initiative aims to build or rehab 1000 homes on the south side and 1000 homes on the west side of Chicago – strategically rebuilding our city's core neighborhoods for working people. This effort is working. It is transforming vacant lots and buildings into affordable homes, good jobs, safer streets, and new homeowners who are building wealth and equity. It is generating new home equity for long-time neighboring homeowners and new resources for schools, public safety, hospitals, and parks.

This is a top priority for me.

Sincerely,

