

Dear Lawmaker,

PLEASE SUPPORT \$2 MILLION IN INCREASED FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE GROWING CRISIS OF HIV/AIDS IN ILLINOIS PRISONS.



HIV/AIDS is a serious problem in prisons around the nation and in Illinois. An estimated 660 Illinois prison inmates are HIV-positive — **a prevalence rate five times greater than the general population.** Disproportionate rates of incarceration among people of color mean African-Americans and Latinos are put at greater risk for HIV/AIDS in the Illinois correctional system.

We request a \$2 million appropriation to **1) increase HIV/AIDS prevention education in prisons and 2) provide community re-entry services to ex-prisoners returning to the community.** This initiative will address the intersection of HIV/AIDS and prisons — both for those incarcerated and those released — and will benefit all our communities.

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