

My name is Joy Morris and I work for an agency that does HIV prevention where I'm the Outreach Supervisor. I'm asking, on behalf of the clients that I serve, that the City please increase the budget for HIV prevention at the requested amount of \$1.7 million.

Every year, more and more individuals are newly diagnosed with HIV, so it is evident that HIV prevention must be increased to prevent HIV transmission. I work with high-risk heterosexual females and transgender commercial sex workers, and the majority of my clients are HIV positive. The fact of the matter is that prevention is so, so very important and a necessity to fight and prevent new cases of HIV in Chicago. I want to emphasize the importance and much needed increase of \$1.7 million for HIV prevention for the budget.

Thank you,

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