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Cook County Board of Commissioners 118 N. Clark Street Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: Proposed Budget Cuts to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my concerns over proposed extreme budget cuts to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

I am the Assistant Executive Director of the Illinois FOP Labor Council, a Union that represents Law Enforcement Employees across the State of Illinois. Included in our membership are Investigators and Sergeants who work for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

I have first-hand knowledge of the excellent job these employees do working with Assistant State's Attorneys to ensure that timely and successful prosecutions of very serious crimes occur. These prosecutions are essential in preserving order and ensuring the security of the citizens of Cook County. The budget cuts being proposed will negatively impact the ability of the State's Attorney's Office to provide this crucial service, thereby jeopardizing the safety of the citizenry.

I strongly urge you to address any budget shortfalls through means that do not negatively impact the operations of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, or any other Cook County public safety unit.

Shaun Rivelt

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Assistant Executive Director

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cc: David Wickster, Executive Director

Tamara Cummings, General Counsel