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As a strong advocate for community involvement, I am glad the budget addresses proper funding for programs that support older adults, increases access to mental health programs, reinvestments into Family Tax Relief efforts, and focuses on staff shortages among social workers.

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KARINA VILLA
SENATOR OF THE 25th DISTRICT



Dear Friend,

The Governor gave his annual State of the State address where he outlined his proposal for the next fiscal year’s state budget. I am pleased to see that investments in Family Tax Relief, paying down our backlog and prioritizing mental health and violence prevention were included in his proposal. Click here to review the [Budget in Brief](#) and the complete FY23 [Budget Book](#). Read my full statement [here](#).

This year’s budget highlights include:

Providing Relief for Working Families

The past two years have placed added stress on working families. Under the proposed budget, sales taxes on essentials like gas and groceries would be frozen. Homeowners would also be able to apply

for part of \$475 million in property tax rebates to receive a much-needed break.

Paying Down Debt and Fulfilling Pension Promises

The proposed budget meets our full pension commitment all while paying down debt. The state pension fund would see an extra \$500 million and the near-empty Rainy Day Fund would be supported with a \$900 million investment. The plan also repays all COVID-related borrowing and delayed insurance bills.

Prioritizing Mental Health

The proposed budget puts \$70 million in funding for Crisis Response services for individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis and call into the 9-8-8 hotline. Additionally, it calls for an increase of \$10 million for addiction treatment services.

Public Safety & Violence Prevention

To address gun violence this budget proposes \$250 million in new funding to the Reimagine Public Safety Act and over \$800 million for violence prevention programs – a more than 3x investment since 2019. \$50 million extra funds from adult-use cannabis would be reinvested in communities harmed by violence and excessive incarceration. With hate crimes at their highest point in over a decade, \$20 million is set aside for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to help protect the institutions that serve vulnerable communities.

DISCLAIMER: Funding in the proposed FY23 budget is subject to negotiation and appropriation in the Illinois Senate.