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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Mayor Michael J. Gresk and Council Members  
Wheaton City Council  
303 W. Wesley Street  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear Mayor Gresk and Council Members:

As a resident of Wheaton, former official from our community and now Lt. Governor for Illinois, I have had the opportunity to witness the ongoing impact heroin and opioid use has had on our communities and families. The Governor of Illinois recently appointed me to travel the state and study the barriers impacting addiction and deaths related to this ongoing public health crisis.

The statistics are staggering. The current opioid epidemic in Illinois claimed the lives of 1,946 individuals in 2016. In response, the State has adopted the Opioid Action Plan, the three pillars of which are prevention, treatment and recovery and response.

I understand the City Council will soon consider a proposal, submitted by Haymarket Center, to enhance treatment options in our community. I recently had the opportunity to tour Haymarket Center in Chicago. This residential and outpatient substance abuse facility has been on the front lines of addiction and treatment since 1975. I was impressed by their work and consider them a strong ally in the ongoing fight against the opioid epidemic.

Should you have any questions regarding the opioid epidemic, my task force, or how the state has worked with Haymarket Center, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn Sanguinetti".

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