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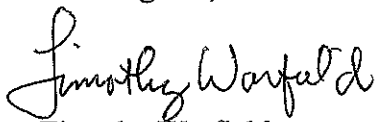
Dear Mr. Ribley:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Illinois has received the "Cleanest Data Award" for their 2008 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Information Systems Survey database. Each year, the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) presents this award to States that submit databases with the most complete correct data as part of their CSBG grant requirements.

As the top State in the Large category (more than 30 Community Action Agencies), the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Office of Community Development, Division of Economic Opportunity, was presented with this award at the NASCSPP Mid-Winter Training Conference in Bethesda, Maryland on February 24, 2010.

This annual award recognizes the dedication and attention to detail that Illinois exemplifies. We at NASCSPP acknowledge and appreciate the commitment to excellence of the entire Illinois CSBG network that made this happen. Keep up the great work!

Best Regards,



Timothy Warfield

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