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To Governor Pritzker and Members of the General Assembly:

On behalf of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), we submit the sixth annual Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) report as statutorily required. Illinois state government officials have a duty to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, efficiently and with transparency. GATA is an integral part of providing that accountability and transparency as Illinois spends about 66 percent of its entire budget through grants. Centralized grant management systems promote performance transparency and financial integrity of public funds.

The 2020 GATA annual report highlights Illinois state agency accomplishment as they continue to implement GATA. These best practices emphasize the importance placed on open communication which allows GOMB to be responsive to stakeholder suggestions to improve the user experience. This year's report estimates over \$319 million in cost avoidance / saving from GATA implementation. Streamlined, automated processes significantly reduce the amount of time spent on fiscal and administrative grant management processes.

GOMB and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU) are grateful for the continued support of the Pritzker Administration and members of the General Assembly. Together we will work to strengthen GATA frameworks to protect public funds from fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement. With the nation in financial crisis due to COVID-19, Illinois is better positioned to oversee the use of financial assistance because of transparencies established under GATA. Constituents expect nothing less for their taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

Alexis Sturm, Director

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