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## **SEIU Local 73 Statement in Response to Governor Pritzker's Budget Address**

**Chicago, IL** – “Our union represents more than 27,000 essential workers in Illinois who have been serving on the frontlines throughout this pandemic. Governor Pritzker’s proposed budget recognizes the Black and Brown communities our members serve have been hardest hit. Cutting services would only further hurt these communities. We support the governor’s decision to close corporate tax loopholes to fund the vital services that are needed more than ever.

“Governor Pritzker correctly pointed out that Illinois has been cutting funding for services for the last twenty years. The impact of those cuts has taken a toll on our state. While his proposed budget preserves public services in 2022, we must look beyond closing corporate tax loopholes. Only by acting now to raise state revenue can we prevent problems from becoming worse.

“SEIU Local 73 will continue to work with Governor Pritzker and the General Assembly to identify additional sources of state revenue to meet the need for public services.”

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*SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.*