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The Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion Act is an overarching vehicle for all to come together and work together to prevent chronic diseases in Illinois.

Each chronic disease or condition is important and shouldn't feel the need to "compete" against one another for funding. Illinois' approach to chronic diseases in the past has been compartmentalized and scattered among numerous agencies with little coordination. We need a wider public health system that implements a comprehensive, systematic approach to addressing chronic disease prevention and health promotion.

By coordinating and adequately funding chronic disease prevention services and health promotion activities at the local and the state levels, we can make a significant difference in the health status of Illinoisans while at the same time reducing health care costs.

Thank You,

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