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To Governor Rauner and Members of the General Assembly:

On behalf of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) and the Illinois Single Audit Commission (ILSAC), we are pleased to submit the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) annual report as statutorily required. We appreciate your continued commitment and support of grant management policy to improve accountability and transparency of public funds.

The objective of GATA is to optimize the administration of the state's grant funds, both federal and state, to improve performance outcomes. GATA establishes and applies uniform, efficient and effective processes throughout the grant lifecycle in compliance with Federal Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200). GATA is significant legislation as grants comprise approximately 66% of Illinois' annual budget and federal grant revenue is one of the largest single state revenue sources. The implementation of this Act is a statewide initiative led by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU) at GOMB.

The 2017 GATA annual report documents over \$236 million in cost saving and avoidance as a result of GATA accomplishments. By centralizing key grant management functions, utilizing automation, and designing standard frameworks, the state is able to reduce and eliminate significant duplication and redundancy. Additional annual savings and cost avoidance will be realized as full GATA implementation is reached. The partnership between this Administration, the General Assembly and GATU enables Illinois to be positioned as a national leader in grant management. We sincerely appreciate your support for this initiative and look forward to future success as Illinois continues to be recognized as a national leader in lifecycle grant management.

Sincerely,

Scott Harry, Director

Carol Kraus, GATU Director and ILSAC Chair