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Editor

Daily Bugle

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Dear Editor:

I hope Governor Pat Quinn and the state legislature can end their political fight over the budget soon to help [me/my son/husband/mother] and many thousands like [me/him/us] to continue to get [her/his/my] [drug/alcohol] treatment.

The Illinois legislature is cutting 65,000 people like [me/him/us] from the treatment program that has helped save [my/his/here] life. The Illinois Senate has voted to increase taxes to pay for treatment, but the House said no to more taxes. I don't want to pay more taxes like anybody else.

But, before treatment, [I/he/she] was on my way to prison or death. Treatment changed [my/her/his] life. It saved [me/her/him].

I don't understand all the politics between Governor Quinn, Speaker Madigan and Senator John Cullerton. And I don't care. I just want to make sure that all the people who need [drug/alcohol] treatment get it.

I hope Speaker Madigan can persuade the representatives to support a tax increase to give the alcohol and drug treatment centers the money they need. And I hope the politicians can solve their problems, but not at my family's expense.

Thank you,

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