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Editor

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Dear Editor:

If the Illinois General Assembly's recently approved Doomsday budget that cuts 50% of all funding stands, the substance abuse prevention and treatment system in Illinois will be gutted and a state health care crisis ignited, throwing more than 65,000 people out of treatment.

Here, in [Peoria], more than X,XXX people will be lose alcohol, drug prevention and treatment services.

Due to the drastically reduced budget, Governor Pat Quinn plans to eliminate \$87 million from the budget for addiction health care services.

A \$87 million budget reduction will eliminate treatment for 65,000 people out of 98,000 currently served by state-financed community providers Illinois.

Cuts of this magnitude will expose the [Peoria] hospital emergency rooms and our local jails to the financial and human fallout of untreated addiction this year and years to come. Petty and violent crime, domestic violence, and gruesome automobile collisions will unnecessarily scar our community.

To avert a health care crisis in Illinois and Peoria, Governor Quinn and legislative leaders need to resolve their budget disputes adopt a budget that cuts the politics but preserves the addiction health care services for our community.

Sincerely,

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