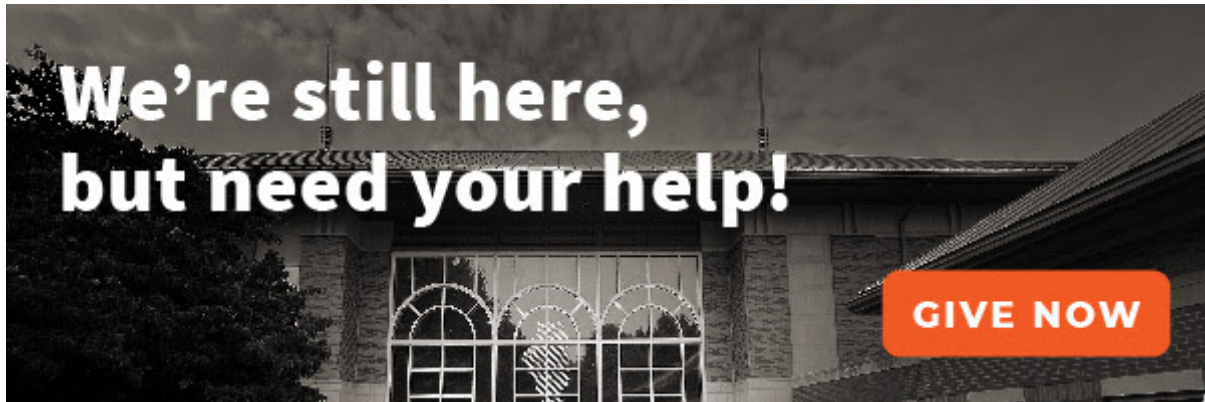




Dear Neighbor,

Late last night, Congress voted to rescind federal funding for public media stations across the country — including Illinois Public Media. As a result, we are facing the loss of more \$1.5 million in annual funding and additional infrastructure support that had been designated for our station over the next two years.

This is, without question, a significant development that will lead to some very difficult choices in the months ahead regarding our radio programs and services. While it's not the news we had hoped to share, **we want to be fully transparent with you** — our neighbors and friends — about what this means.

Over the past several months, our management team has been proactively making contingency plans for this possibility. While it's too soon to announce any local or national radio programming changes, **our top priority remains preserving local public radio and the trusted core services you count on from NPR**. We promise open communication and opportunities for you to provide feedback as we navigate the road ahead.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we are better prepared to face these cuts. However, we still face a significant funding gap of more than \$1 million for the days and years ahead. Community support has never been more vital than it is right now. **If you are able, please consider becoming a Friend**

of WILL with a monthly donation today. We will need your ongoing support to survive and thrive.

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If you prefer to become a member with a one-time gift, please do so with our sincere thanks by [clicking here](#).

For more than 100 years, Illinois Public Media has been more than just programming — it is an essential public service, and one we will continue to protect through difficult times.

Sincerely,



Moss Bresnahan
Executive Director
Illinois Public Media

P.S. If you've already made a gift in recent weeks, **thank you** for standing up for Illinois Public Media. You can make an even greater impact by sharing online why public media matters to you or **forwarding this message to your friends and family**.



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