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To: Scott, Douglas
Subject: Cost Recovery for Charitable Contributions - Ameren Illinois

Dear Chairman Scott:

Easter Seals serves more than 4,000 children with disabilities and their families across an expansive twenty-eight county region in central Illinois each year. Our services include a broad array of early diagnostic clinics, therapy, and other program services and supports for children, particularly those from birth to five years of age. For more than ninety years our mission has focused on ensuring that those with disabilities and their families have equal opportunity to live, learn, work and play in their communities. To this end Easter Seals relies on diverse funding streams including private and corporate contributions and grants.

I recently became aware that the Illinois Commerce Commission is considering the elimination of cost recovery for charitable contributions made by Ameren Illinois. Easter Seals was a recipient of such a contribution from Ameren Illinois this past year, and for several previous years. I urge you to allow Ameren Illinois to recover all of their charitable contribution costs.

The continuing erosion of State, Federal and other funding streams has combined to make advancing the compelling mission of Easter Seals particularly difficult. In particular, state funding cuts, low rates of reimbursement, and slow payment cycles, have created unprecedented challenges. The important services we provide to young children with autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and many other developmental delays and disabilities would simply not be possible without local corporate support like that provided by Ameren Illinois.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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