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STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE IMPEACHMENT OF GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH

The People of the State of Illinois elected Governor Blagojevich to uphold their trust and to work for the public good.

Today, in taking the extraordinary step of impeachment, the House of Representatives has concluded that Governor Blagojevich has failed the People of this State, violated their trust, and placed his personal gain before the public good.

I appreciate the serious and deliberative work of the House of Representatives on behalf of the People of Illinois.

Governor Blagojevich has harmed the People of this State, and by refusing to recognize his utter inability to govern effectively, he continues this harm.

I call on the Governor, once again, to do what is right, what is best for the People and what is clearly long overdue: The Governor should resign immediately.

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