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**Statement of Chicago Community Violence Intervention Organizations
In Response to Trump Administration Cancelling of Public Safety Grants**

Public safety is everyone's responsibility, and no one has acted on that commitment more fully than Chicago and Illinois, where state and local governments collaborate closely with philanthropy, business and community-based organizations to make our communities safer. By cancelling grants for bipartisan community violence intervention, police training and domestic violence programs, among other initiatives, the Department of Justice has undermined public safety in our communities. We are deeply disappointed that this decision was made without further vetting. We urge the Administration, Congress and/or the judicial branch to take steps to restore the public safety funds Congress appropriated under the Safer Communities Act. And we invite the administration and DOJ to meet with Chicago stakeholders for a closer look at the proven efforts being made to make Chicago a safer city.

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