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Will County Interim Executive
Denise Winfrey elected
NACo 2nd Vice President

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A Message from the

President





By: Deborah Sims, Cook County Commissioner

It brings me tremendous satisfaction and excitement to congratulate Will County Interim Executive Denise Winfrey on her election to the position of 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Counties (NACo). Denise is also a member of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) Board of Directors and was a founding board member of the association.

Denise was elected by her peers to this prestigious position during the NACo Annual Business Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020. The meeting was held as a virtual event following the cancellation of the NACo Annual Conference due to COVID-19.

As NACo 2nd Vice President, Denise will become the NACo President in 2022. This is a tremendous honor for her individually and a wonderful opportunity to showcase Will County and the State of Illinois. It is also an opportunity to involve more Illinois county officials in NACo leadership positions.

Denise based her campaign for NACo 2nd Vice President on championing the value of NACo to counties throughout our nation while at the same time increasing diversity and inclusion among the NACo membership. I couldn't agree more with Denise's conviction that the strength of NACo is based on pursuing greater involvement from a diverse pool of counties and county officials.

At a time of intense partisan disagreements at the federal level, the need for local officials to keep our noses to the grindstone and deliver critical services and assistance to our residents becomes even more crucial.

As local officials we are "doers" and problem solvers who deliver for our constituents each and every day. We simply don't have the luxury for partisanship because we need to remain focused on getting the job done for the people who elected us to work on their behalf. It becomes especially important to network, share ideas, discuss differing viewpoints and educate ourselves

while always remembering what an honor it is to serve the people who bestowed the honor of service upon us.

Denise Winfrey understands how inclusion channels diverse experiences and collective knowledge toward solving difficult problems. I have the ultimate confidence that she will use her leadership platform to make NACo even more successful in fulfilling its mission on behalf of county officials throughout the country.

Congratulations, Denise!



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State Legislative Session Summary

By: Joe McCoy, Executive Director

The General Assembly adjourned for the spring on Saturday, May 23, 2020. Adjournment followed a four-day special session (May 20-23) that represented the first days the General Assembly had been in session since early March as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 spring session stands in stark contrast to the 2019 spring session. The 2019 spring legislative session will be remembered as extraordinarily eventful, with the General Assembly approving noteworthy legislation including a capital infrastructure program, cannabis legalization, internet sales taxation, a minimum wage increase and legislative enactments to lay the groundwork for a possible graduated income tax.

Far less was accomplished during the 2020 spring session in large part because the session was cut short because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While always unlikely to see as many big ticket items approved as in 2019, few would have predicted there would be such an absence of activity.

The spring session saw a leadership change in the Senate following the November 2019 announcement that Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago) would be retiring.

On January 19, 2020, the Senate elected Senator Don Harmon (D-Oak Park) as the 39th Senate President in Illinois history.

ISACo congratulates Senate President Harmon and looks forward to working with him, his leadership team and Senate Republican leaders to champion issues that benefit counties and their residents.

This report provides a general overview of the more consequential legislation approved during the brief number of session days held during the second year of the 101st General Assembly.

SFY21 State Budget

The House and Senate approved the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 budget prior to adjournment. The bills are as follows:

SB 264 - (P.A. 101-0637) is the appropriation bill.

HB 357 - (P.A. 101-0636) is the Budget Implementation (BIMP) bill.

HB 64 - (P.A. 101-0638) is the capital infrastructure appropriations bill.

SB 2099 - (P.A. 101-0630) is the federal borrowing legislation.

The SFY 2021 budget appropriates \$42.861 billion in revenues and anticipates revenue collections of \$42.885 billion. The SFY 2021 spending level generally remains consistent with SFY 2020 levels and relies on almost \$5 billion in federal borrowing.

The SFY 2021 budget includes SFY 2020 supplemental funding for capital infrastructure projects.

SB 2099 authorizes the Governor, with the approval of the Comptroller and Treasurer, to borrow up to \$5 billion from the Federal Reserve Bank. This revenue source will be utilized as a line of credit upon which the state can draw when necessary. Legislators indicated they hope to be able to repay amounts drawn using revenue from a possible future federal relief bill that provides funding to states and local governments.

The SFY 2021 budget situation could become dire in the absence of another federal financial relief bill.

State Shared Revenues

The SFY 2021 state budget includes several funding sources collected by the state and shared with local governments. The following funding sources are relevant to counties:

Local Government Distributive Fund

The county share of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) revenue as a percentage of state income tax collections will actually increase slightly because a 5 percent cut that existed in both the SFY 2019 and SFY 2020 budgets was eliminated. While this does not return LGDF to a full 10 percent of total income tax collections, it restores LGDF to the percentage shared with counties and municipalities as recently as the SFY 2017 state budget.

Beginning with the SFY 2018 state budget, the state cut LGDF by 10 percent and then reduced this cut to 5 percent in SFY 2019 and SFY 2020. In our meetings with the House and Senate Local Government Working Groups, ISACo emphasized the need to protect existing revenues shared by the state with local governments. ISACo is pleased that the General Assembly did not extend a 5 percent cut into another state fiscal year. ISACo will continue to advocate for a restoration of a full 10 percent share of LGDF revenue to counties. ISACo has prepared more information about LGDF in a *Policy Brief* available on our website.

Personal Property Replacement Tax

The budget includes \$311.9 million in total diversions from Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) revenues that would otherwise be distributed to local governments. PPRT diversions have been increasing annually for several years. The SFY 2020 state budget diverted approximately \$350 million from PPRT. ISACo has prepared more information about PPRT in a *Policy Brief* available on our website.

Local Government Pass-Through Funds

Local government "pass-through" funds [Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), Use Tax, Video/Casino Gaming, Statewide Emergency 9-1-1 funds, etc.] are fully funded within the SFY 2021 budget.

CARES Act Funding

The BIMP bill includes an allocation of \$250 million in federal CARES Act funds to local governments for expenditures consistent with federal guidelines associated with the COVID-19 emergency response. This represents a portion of CARES Act money provided to the state that is being shared with local governments.

The funds will be distributed by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) from the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (CURE) Fund. The 97 counties that did not receive direct CARES Act funds, as well as eligible local governments within those counties, would be the only jurisdictions receiving this money. Per the BIMP bill, municipalities within the five counties that received direct funding from the United States Treasury Department must get CARES Act funding from their counties based upon amounts those counties are willing to share.

ISACo is pleased that counties that have not yet received federal CARES Act funds will receive funding on a per capita basis. We engaged our lobbyists to advocate to the Governor's Office that the 97 counties that did not receive federal funds directly from Treasury receive a portion of the state's share. This request was followed-up with a letter to the Governor and legislative leaders urging support for an equitable distribution on a per capita basis.

ISACo continues to work in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) toward another federal relief package that would provide direct funding to counties with the ability to use those funds to offset lost revenues caused by the economic shutdown.

Capital Infrastructure Funds

HB 64 includes \$104 billion in "pay-as-you go" and \$20.8 billion in bonded capital projects. The bill leverages \$10 billion in federal funds and distributes \$3.6 billion to units of local government.

The Governor signed these budget and capital infrastructure project bills into law. The budget became effective on July 1, 2020.



Legislation of Interest to Counties

The following bills were approved by both chambers and signed into law by the Governor:

Election Omnibus Bill

SB 1863 (P.A. 101-0642) is an omnibus election bill that affects how

counties administer elections. The primary provisions within the bill are intended to facilitate an application process by which eligible voters can obtain and utilize mail in ballots and to make changes to ensure the safety of, and enhanced participation in, the 2020 general election. The bill is only applicable to the 2020 general election. During floor debate in the House it was mentioned that the mail-in ballot applications would be sent to approximately 5 million voters based upon the provisions of the bill. ISACo has prepared an analysis of SB 1863 that is available on our website.

<u>Deferral of Property Tax Late</u> <u>Payment Penalties</u>

SB 685 (P.A. 101-0635) was enacted based upon conflicting opinions from states' attorneys about whether county boards have authority to waive penalties on late property tax payments. More specifically, the bill provides that in counties other than Cook (which has home rule powers) the county board may adopt an ordinance or resolution under which some or all of the interest penalty for the delinquent payment of any installment other than the final installment of taxes for the 2019 taxable year that otherwise would be imposed shall be waived for all taxpayers in the county for a period of (1) 120 days after the effective date of the Act or (2) until the first day of the first month during which there is no longer a statewide COVID-19 public health emergency as evidenced by an effective disaster declaration of the Governor covering all counties in the state. This is a permissive grant of authority ISACo requested in our meetings with the House and Senate Local Government Working Groups several weeks ago. Several Illinois counties previously elected to move forward with waiving penalties for late property tax payments.

The bill also includes a provision delaying the annual tax sale in 2020 as well as provisions allowing for certain property tax exemptions to be renewed without application for the 2020 tax year.

Open Meetings Act Change

Among other provisions, SB 2135 (P.A. 101-0640) amends the Open Meetings Act (OMA) to allow public bodies (but not the General Assembly) to conduct meetings by audio or video conference during a disaster declaration and under certain conditions without the physical presence of a quorum of the members. The bill was approved by both chambers. This is another issue ISACo raised during our meetings with the House and Senate Local Government Working Groups and urged legislators to adopt.

Workers' Compensation Change

HB 2455 (P.A. 101-0633) represents an agreement between labor and business on changes to the workers' compensation and unemployment insurance programs. With respect to workers' compensation, this bill creates a temporary rebuttable presumption for first responder and front-line (essential) workers who contract COVID-19 on the job.

Hospital Assessment Program

SB 2541 (P.A. 101-0650) renews the hospital assessment program in Illinois to enable the state to capture \$3.9 billion in federal funds for treating Medicaid patients. This represents an increase of \$450 million over previous years. The assessment bill includes a Medicaid physician rate increase and prioritizes funding for critical access and safety net hospitals.

Gaming Legislation

SB 516 (P.A. 101-0648) makes various changes to the gaming bill passed in 2019. SB 516 extends the time

that casino operators have to pay the reconciliation fee from 2 to 6 years. The bill also reduces the tax rates for the Chicago casino and makes a technical fix for the Danville casino. Due to the pandemic, the bill moves the due date for fees associated with gaming and sports betting license and positions from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2021. Finally, the bill makes technical fixes to ensure video gaming can occur at the Illinois State Fairgrounds and DuQuoin State Fairgrounds.

<u>Graduated Income Tax Constitutional</u> Amendment Ballot Question

SJR 1 (Sen. Harmon, D-Oak Park/Rep. Madigan, D-Chicago) was approved by both chambers and establishes the wording of the arguments both in favor and in opposition to a graduated income tax that will be submitted to voters ahead of the November 2020 General Election. SJR 1 also establishes how the question will be presented on the ballot. Voters will have an opportunity to decide whether they want to amend the Illinois Constitution to allow for implementation of a graduated income tax.

Health Care Affordability Act

SB 1864 (P.A. 101-0649) creates the Health Care Affordability Act to empower the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (DHFS) to better respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also includes a provision for DHFS to work with the Illinois Department of Insurance (IDOI) on a feasibility study intended to investigate options to enhance health care affordability for Illinois residents.

ISACo Legislative Agenda

ISACo is a county association predicated on taking action. We're not here to simply tell you what happened, but to make things happen.

In furtherance of this ambition, ISACo developed our first legislative agenda during the summer and fall of 2019 and introduced several bills for consideration by the General Assembly in 2020.

Our agenda, known as the Illinois County Action Program (ICAP), consisted of 13 bills. Sponsors were found for each bill and most of the bills had been assigned to substantive committees before the pandemic truncated the legislative session. We are very appreciative for our sponsors and look forward to our continued work with them in support of counties. ISACo's agenda is available on our website.

While ISACo is disappointed that these bills did not advance to the Governor in light of the General Assembly not convening for a full session, we will reintroduce these and other bills for consideration by the General Assembly in 2021.

Despite the lack of a traditional legislative session, ISACo continued to advocate in support of issues important to counties at both the state and federal level. A summary of our efforts is available below:

On March 18, 2020, ISACo contacted the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to inquire about the plan and timetable for releasing federal funds intended for local governments that would first pass through the agency. The funds in question were part of the initial \$8.3 billion package approved by Congress and signed into law by President Trump on March 6, 2020.

On March 23, 2020, ISACo issued an Action Alert to Illinois county officials requesting that they contact Senators Durbin and Duckworth to encourage support for the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. ISACo also engaged our federal lobbyists to communicate our support to the Senators' staffs. The CARES Act includes provisions providing financial assistance to local governments.

On March 25, 2020, ISACo sent a letter to Illinois State Comptroller Susana Mendoza urging that the distribution of revenue collected by the state on behalf of counties be prioritized during the inevitable decline in state and local revenues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 13, 2020, ISACo had a virtual meeting with the Comptroller's Office to further discuss this issue and was assured that fund distributions to counties would occur on the usual schedule.

Furthermore, ISACo was informed that the Comptroller's Office would be flexible in forgiving late filings of reports required to be submitted by local governments that result from operational changes during the pandemic. ISACo appreciates the cooperation we have received from the Comptroller's Office.

On April 1, 2020, ISACo sent a letter to each member of Illinois' Congressional delegation requesting that Congress include direct financial assistance to counties with 500,000 and fewer residents for costs incurred because of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This letter was sent following enactment of the CARES Act that included a provision limiting direct financial assistance to only those local governments with more than 500,000 residents.

ISACo shared some of our legislative priorities intended to provide financial relief to counties with the Illinois House and Senate at their request. On Wednesday April 29, 2020, ISACo met with the House Local Government Working Group. On Thursday, May 7, 2020, ISACo met with the Senate Local Government Working Group. Our specific requests were included in an April 9, 2020, letter we sent to working group members. In addition to the issues outlined in the letter, ISACo requested that the Open Meetings Act (OMA) be amended to allow for the occurrence of remote meetings during emergency situations and advocated for an amendment to the property tax code to provide additional clarification that counties have permissive authority to waive penalties and fees for late property tax payments under specified circumstances. Both the OMA provision authorizing remote meetings and the property tax penalty waiver authority clarification requested by ISACo were approved by the General Assembly during the May 20-23 special session.

On Friday, May 15, 2020, ISACo sent a letter to the Governor and legislative leaders requesting the distribution of CARES Act funds to the 97 counties that did not receive direct funding from the United States Treasury Department. Our contract lobbyists were also advocating with the Governor's Office for counties to receive a share of the State's CARES Act funds in accordance with the letter. ISACo is pleased that the General Assembly included within its approved state budget a distribution of these CARES Act funds.





ISACo Testifies During Joint Commission Hearing

On Wednesday, January 15, 2020, ISACo Executive Director Joe McCoy participated in a hearing of the Joint Commission on Ethics and Lobbying Reform in Chicago.

The Commission is gathering information to learn what local governments are doing with respect to registering lobbyists seeking to influence local decisions. ISACo provided an overview of what some counties are currently doing in this regard. The work of this Commission in ongoing.

ISACo is appreciative that we are increasingly being sought out by the General Assembly to provide input on policies that affect counties.

This request for input continues a trend that began last year when ISACo was asked to represent counties on a working group developing taxation policy for the cannabis legalization law. ISACo was instrumental in ensuring counties received the taxation authority they presently have.

ISACo was also invited to participate in a sub-committee meeting of the General Assembly's Property Tax Relief Task Force in 2019. The Task Force issued a draft report, but missed its deadline for a final report. ISACo has a dedicated webpage with information about the Task Force.

ISACo Communications

In lieu of the need for regular communications about legislative issues as a result of the General Assembly cancelling most session days, ISACo issued 24 e-mail memorandums to counties with information relevant to counties concerning the emergency response. These communications are available on our *Coronavirus Resource Center* page.

ISACo has issued more than 20 of our "News and Views" e-newsletters since January. ISACo will continue to prioritize useful and timely communications with county officials.

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DuPage County Confronts the Opioid Epidemic

By: Greg Hart,
DuPage County Board Member

As a state and as a nation, there have been several important issues on our minds the last few months. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken hundreds of thousands of lives and changed the way we live and work as we continue to flatten the curve and reopen our state. Our economy continues to sputter as jobless rates skyrocket to all-time highs. And our black and brown brothers and sisters are fighting to be treated as equals and to put an end to systemic racism nationwide.

But there is another important, oftentimes silent, battle we continue to fight every day: Our fight against opioid use is continuing to hammer Illinois communities, large and small. It's easy to dismiss or tell ourselves this isn't a problem where we live. But this epidemic is rampant, and it is everywhere.

In DuPage County, we have been fighting this crisis since 2013, when our Coroner Dr. Richard Jorgensen addressed the County Board about an alarming increase in the number of heroin deaths in the County. We had 33 opioid overdose deaths in 2014, which increased to 51 in 2015 and 95 in 2016. We've held steady in

this range the last few years, with 95 opioid overdose deaths in 2017, 98 in 2018, and 96 in 2019.

In DuPage County, we have established the Heroin-Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Taskforce, a joint operation of the DuPage County Board and the DuPage County Board of Health. The Taskforce consists of members from many sectors in our community, specializing in mental health, law enforcement, adjudication, substance abuse treatment, prevention and education. Our members include County Board members, the Sheriff, State's Attorney, Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit, Coroner, Regional Superintendent of Schools, the Public Defender, members of the Board of Health, police chiefs, fire chiefs, mayors, and representatives from healthcare systems and substance use treatment facilities.

All told, DuPage County dedicates more than \$2.3 million to fight the opioid epidemic. Using a \$100,000 contribution from the DuPage County Board, the Taskforce solicits ideas from nonprofits or community groups on unique ways we can combat this crisis and provides grants to support their efforts. Last year, Chief Judge Daniel Guerin developed the First Offenders Court Unified for Success

(FOCUS) using Taskforce funds. The FOCUS Court is a specialty court for first-time drug offenders. The court has judges and staff educated on issues related to mental health, substance use disorder and best practices. Under this court, first-time offenders receive the treatment and community assistance they need, diverting them from becoming deeply involved with the criminal justice system.

Using federal dollars, the County's Workforce Development Division created the Recovery and Manufacturing-A Path Up (RAMP-Up) Program as a resource to help people in recovery from opioid use and substance use disorder. The program provides manufacturing certification training to those individuals, allowing them to obtain meaningful employment, while also providing local employers with a distinct talent pool.

We must encourage counties, states and the federal government to follow DuPage's lead and consider workforce development as a critical component of combating the opioid epidemic. Through these partnerships, we can provide a path away from addiction and toward a productive future, one job at a time.

The RAMP-Up program and the FOCUS court have both received recognition from the National Association of Counties (NACo). Both initiatives received Achievement Awards, which honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

Earlier this year, the Taskforce handed out grants to three community groups to help combat opioids:

- The DuPage Health Coalition received \$50,000 to increase the number of emergency room physicians certified to administer medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders.
- Access Community Health Network received \$30,412 to expand its medication-assisted treatment services.
- The Edward Foundation received \$19,588 to facilitate the creation of new peer support groups to promote sustained recovery.

The Taskforce has also amplified existing programs, including support for the DuPage Narcan Program and RxBoxes. In September 2013, the DuPage Narcan Program became the first countywide overdose prevention program approved by the Illinois Department of Substance Abuse. The program trains first responders to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose with Narcan, a nasal spray that can reverse the effects of a heroin overdose. As of May 31, the DuPage Narcan Program had reversed 874 opioid overdoses.

DuPage County is continuing its efforts to expand RxBox and drug take-back programs, providing a proper means for residents to properly dispose of medication. Launched by the DuPage County Health Department in 2009, the RxBOX program offers residents a safe, easy way to drop off unwanted medications that might otherwise have been misused or gone to waterways and landfills. To date, the program has expanded to 41 locations and has

collected 48.1 tons of medication.

But we don't just supply grants, we also have a genuine desire to impact change. In 2019, the Taskforce set five key objectives to reduce the number of opioid deaths in DuPage County by 10 percent by 2022, and outlined ways to achieve those objectives:

- Reduce access to drugs. DuPage
 County has numerous RxBoxes
 around the County and is seeking
 to add five more by 2022. DuPage
 County also will develop three major
 drug takeback events to help residents safely dispose of prescription
 medication.
- Reduce opioid use and misuse.
 Through members of the Taskforce, we're seeking to reduce the number of opiates prescribed by medical personnel in DuPage County by 10 percent by 2022. Additionally, we are providing safe prescriber training to at least 100 healthcare professionals in DuPage County by 2022.
- Increase our overdose response. By 2020, the HOPE Taskforce seeks to establish and train five new DuPage Narcan Program sites, train 1,500 people on the signs of an overdose, and establish 10 new first responder organizations participating in overdose follow-up services by 2022.
- 4. Mental health and substance use disorder treatment and recovery. Mental health is a significant and underserved aspect of the fight against substance use disorder. The HOPE Taskforce seeks to add at least two medication-assisted treatment providers who will serve people with Medicaid or no insurance by 2020.
- 5. Substance use prevention and education. We need to share the truth about substance use disorder to reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorders and raise awareness of opioid overdoses. We hope to reach 1 million people through multimedia campaigns recognizing these two important issues.

These Taskforce goals are manageable and within reach, but we can, and we must do better. We want to see a shift in the way we treat people with substance use disorder. We want to see these initiatives and programs implemented across the state and across the country. We want to see the number of deaths due to opioids drop to zero. Any number of deaths from opioid use is too many, but without these programs in place, our death toll would reach unfathomable numbers. Each program and initiative sponsored by the HOPE Taskforce plays a significant role in fighting this epidemic. But it starts with a community.

None of this would be possible without the dedicated group of partners we have on the HOPE Taskforce and the important work they all do in our community. We remain committed to bringing forward new and innovative solutions that we hope will make a positive impact for the individuals, families, and communities impacted by the opioid epidemic.



Greg Hart is a member of the DuPage County Board and Co-Chairman of the County's Heroin-Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Taskforce.



Opioid Manufacturers and Distributors

By: ISACo Staff

The State of Illinois is presently involved in litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

In April 2019, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul filed a lawsuit against Purdue Pharma in Cook County Circuit Court. This lawsuit was expanded in August 2019 to add individual members of the Sackler family. This is the family that owns Purdue Pharma.

In September 2019, Attorney General Raoul announced that his office filed a lawsuit against several additional opioid manufacturers and distributors for their roles in the opioid epidemic. From a press release:

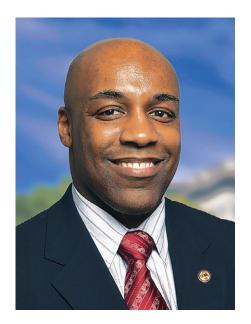
According to Raoul's lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, the opioid manufacturers carried out unfair and deceptive marketing campaigns that prioritized profits over public health and resulted in unprecedented levels of opioid prescribing, while the distributors irresponsibly flooded Illinois with opioids, failing in their role as gatekeepers in preventing the diversion of opioids.

Raoul's lawsuit seeks to abate and remedy the statewide public nuisance caused by these companies. Raoul also asks the court to prohibit the manufacturers' and distributors' deceptive and unfair conduct in order to ensure it does not happen again in the future, and to hold the companies accountable for the devastation they have caused in Illinois and nationwide.

The companies listed in the complaint are as follows: Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., Endo Health Solutions, Inc., Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Cephalon, Inc., Allergan Finance, LLC, Actavis Pharma, Inc., Actavis LLC, Watson

Laboratories, Inc., McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Drug Company.

In October 2019, Attorney General Raoul expanded the lawsuit to add Mallinckrodt to those companies named in the September 2019 lawsuit.



Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul

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Congratulations to Kendall County Board Member Matthew Prochaska for receiving the "Membership Champion of the Year" award from the National Association of Counties (NACo), Board Member

Prochaska is also a member of

ISACo's Board of Directors.

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