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The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence Statement Regarding Gov. JB Pritzker's Budget Proposal

CHICAGO – Today, Gov. JB Pritzker released his FY2025 budget proposal, including specific funding proposals for gender-based violence prevention and services.

Amanda Pyron, Executive Director of The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence, released the following statement in response:

“Gender-based violence continues to impact too many families across Illinois, and we must do more to both prevent violent acts and support survivors. We continue to see an [increase](#) in calls to the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline as well as an increase in total injuries and deaths from domestic violence shootings in Illinois and Chicago. Across Illinois, there were 19 domestic violence-related homicides in January alone. Funding for gender-based violence services was increased in recent years, and we are encouraged that Gov. Pritzker's proposal keeps this funding intact.

“In addition to the budget, we are laser focused on passing Karina's Bill (HB4469/SB2633) to help strengthen the firearm remedy within orders of protection and get guns out of the hands of domestic abusers. We look forward to working with legislators and the governor's office to pass this critical legislation, as well as to secure needed resources in the FY25 budget for providers across Cook County and the state.”

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The Network is a group of 45 member organizations dedicated to improving the lives of those impacted by gender-based violence through education, public policy and advocacy, and connecting community members with direct service providers. The Network also acts as the administrator of the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline. Learn more at www.the-network.org.