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Our Urgent Mission for Our Medically Vulnerable Clients

It's all hands on deck at the Illinois Innocence Project. From our remote offices, we are tirelessly advocating for the release of a number of our medically vulnerable clients who are in grave danger as the coronavirus begins its assault inside Illinois prisons.

We represent demonstrably **innocent** people. Having been wrongfully convicted of crimes they did not commit, our clients are now trapped in crowded prisons and fear for their lives. The Illinois Department of Corrections reports 146 incarcerated individuals and 107 staff have tested positive for COVID-19. Two incarcerated individuals have died and far more are expected.

The threat of this pandemic has heightened the urgency of our work. We are communicating round-the-clock with dozens of frightened family members, and attorneys, Illinois prisoner advocate groups and prison officials as we attempt to monitor the health status of our clients and request proper care for those who have particular health concerns.

Over the past two weeks, we have asked Governor JB Pritzker to grant the emergency release of some of our medically vulnerable clients for whom there is compelling evidence of their actual innocence. We commend Gov. Pritzker and his staff for the positive actions they have taken to help flatten the curve throughout the State and for their tireless work considering countless requests on behalf of Illinois prisoners.

YOUR financial support – whether big or small, recent or in the past – has put us in this strong position to try to save as many of our vulnerable clients as possible. **THANK YOU!**

**Our innocent clients – trapped in Illinois prisons – are at immediate risk of COVID-19.
Please help us help them by making a donation today.**