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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Dear Volunteer,

As fans prepare parties for the Super Bowl with friends and family, we do not want to forget the members of our communities who are not as fortunate. The "Souper Bowl of Caring" has been a program my office has supported in Illinois for the past five years, and we want to invite your group to join our 2009 effort. In 2008 alone, more than 570 volunteer groups across Illinois donated more than \$294,000 to charities of their choice!

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national and global effort designed for youth to take action against hunger. Begun in 1990 by Rev. Brad Smith and his church in South Carolina, participation in Souper Bowl of Caring has grown to include groups in all 50 states, Canada, the Netherlands, Germany, Puerto Rico and the Marshall Islands.

Each year schools, churches, and organizations join thousands of people across the world to collect dollars in soup pots on or around Super Bowl Sunday. The money collected is donated to local food banks, soup kitchens, or any charity of the volunteers' choice. We encourage participants to assess their community's needs and contribute the proceeds to area organizations.

Those standing in food lines are everyday people, senior citizens, the unemployed, the working poor, and parents with their children. I encourage people across the Land of Lincoln to roll up their sleeves and create a local solution to hunger by participating in the 2009 Souper Bowl of Caring.

For more information on the program and to confirm your group's participation, please visit www.souperbowl.org or call my office at 312-814-5220. Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Lt. Governor