

# DAILY ILLINI

**D**ear Gov. Blagojevich,

I understand that Illinois faces a budget crisis that you inherited. I do not envy your position of having been charged with the task of fixing the state's financial woes.

The Daily Illini, the University of Illinois' independent campus newspaper, spent a week detailing how the budget cuts that you have had to make statewide are affecting me locally. I am concerned about the future of Illinois' flagship school, considering your office has said that the state's economy isn't exactly out of the woods.

I was hoping you would accept the invitation of The Daily Illini Editorial Board to visit Champaign-Urbana and speak publicly about how budget decisions are made and your commitment to future higher education funding.

I see how these difficult economic times are affecting the classroom and wanted your thoughts on what I should expect in future semesters.

*signed,* \_\_\_\_\_

*date* \_\_\_\_\_

The Daily Illini editorial board has invited Gov. Rod Blagojevich to the University to discuss the tough budget cuts that affect us all. We are asking for the governor's thoughts on Illinois' financial crisis. Board members also want him to reaffirm his commitment to higher education. The Governor can name the date and time. We will make all the arrangements.

Illinois' financial woes are being seen across this campus, as The Daily Illini reported extensively. We request that you submit the above letter to the governor to help convince him to visit this campus and speak to the University community. We know that he has tough decisions to make and we want him to shed light on the present and future of Illinois' budget and the University.

Please mail the above  
letter to:

Or drop it off with us and we'll  
send it for you:

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