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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Leaders and Members of the ILCAAAP,

Thank you for your questionnaire sent to me for the purpose of obtaining your endorsement for my candidacy.

I must decline the kind invitation to respond to your questionnaire because I neither seek, nor will accept, the public endorsement of my candidacy from any person or group. I believe such endorsements to be meaningless and, worse, symptomatic of a political system that has grown too attentive to prominent persons and large organizations at the expense of individual voters. This alarming trend has resulted in a disturbing alienation of voter interest from politics and public service, which are the lifeblood of democracy.

My lack of interest in your group's endorsement notwithstanding, please tell your supporters that I will post answers to your questionnaire on my campaign website (www.edelman4illinois.com), along with a photocopy of this letter, so that those who live and vote in my district can know my positions on the issues important to you, and my reason for declining to return the questionnaire to you.

I close with this: I seek the greatest possible freedom for individuals to pursue their chosen path in life with an absolute minimum of interference from government. Still, governments have great power the wise use of which is required for our society to advance and prosper, and which requires that government not become financially dependent (by which I mean "prey") upon human frailties and vice. In the event that the voters of my district choose me to represent them at Springfield, my votes on issues presumably important to you will be cast accordingly.

Sincerely,

