The Problem:
Illinois needs a more educated workforce.
Too many students can’t afford education because the state’s largest need-based financial aid program remains underfunded.

MAP recipients are:
- About half of undergrads at Illinois’ public universities who identify as Black or Hispanic receive a MAP grant.
- 63% Female
- About 50% Black or Hispanic

We can’t maximize our potential future workforce if we’re leaving students behind.

The Monetary Award Program (MAP) gives more students a chance by providing grants to lower-income students, primarily women and students of color attending public institutions.

MAP used to cover the full cost of tuition and fees, but today it only covers:
- 33% at Community Colleges
- 36% at Public Universities

MAP is given on a first-come first-served basis. In FY 2019, nearly 83,000 qualifying students did not receive a MAP grant because state funding ran out.

The Solution:
Fully Fund MAP.
Getting a degree shouldn’t mean being burdened with a lifetime of debt, and it shouldn’t be a privilege for the wealthy. Women and their families in Illinois deserve an affordable higher education.