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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act (20 ILCS 65 *et. al*) (the “Act”), the Illinois Department on Aging (*Aging*) hereby submits a progress report detailing the action steps and progress made to enable the collection and cataloging of data described in Section 20-15 of the Act have been standardized and, to the extent possible, the data sets and programs that are planned for the coming year.

The Act requires *Aging* to “report statistical data on racial, ethnic, age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and primary or preferred language demographics of program participants for each major program” administered by *Aging*.

While “major program” is not defined in the statute, the agency has adopted the following definition provided by the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget: *a major program is a program with an enacted appropriation of greater than \$1 million in fiscal year; direct services provided to individuals and/or a reasonable expectation that demographic information can be aggregated via proxy data without substantial cost or disruption to program delivery.*¹

Aging has further defined “program participants” as any individual who receives program services or interventions directly from state agency staff, contractors, or grantees.

Using these definitions, the Agency has identified the following programs and program participant populations for analysis:

Community Care Program (CCP), Nutrition Services, Adult Protective Services (APS)

Since the July 2022 statistical report, *Aging* has taken the following actions to assess the changes needed to catalogue demographic data for each of the aforementioned programs.

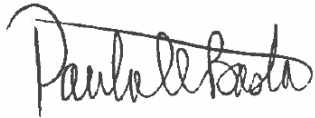
Following its initial statistical report *Aging* has determined that **Race:** African American/Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, White/European American, Middle Eastern/North African, Two or More Races, and Some Other Race **Ethnicity:** Latina/Latino/Latinx/Hispanic. Not Hispanic, Other. Indigenous, Age, Sex, Disability Status, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Primary Preferred Language. have been defined and standardized for the following programs ***Community Care Program (CCP), Adult Protective Services (APS)***.

¹ Programs with anonymous reporting of violations, those which utilize tele-help lines, and regulatory/licensure programs have been excluded from this definition.

In the coming year, the agency will utilize the Office of Equity's guidance to further refine and standardize definitions for the remaining demographic categories and ensure standardization exists across all programs identified in this report. *Aging* will work with the Department of Innovation and Technology and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget in the coming months to streamline its data collection and collect the relevant data from major program participants.

As the State works to implement the Act, *Aging* data stewards, information and technology staff, and diversity, equity, and inclusion leaders will work with the Department of Innovation and Technology and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to analyze currently catalogued data, identify data gaps, and determine how to collect demographic information. Ultimately, we hope to provide valuable data and analysis that will be meaningful and inform program design and policy-making endeavors.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula A. Basta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "A".

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