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**Statement from Mayor Emanuel on the Illinois General Assembly Approving Legislation
Speeding the Foreclosure Process**

"I commend the Illinois General Assembly for approving legislation that will help communities across Chicago overcome the devastating effects of foreclosure. The new law will provide much-needed foreclosure counseling for Chicago families struggling to stay in their homes, and further aids our effort to crack down on vacant and unsecured properties that serve as havens for crime.

I want to thank the Legislative Leaders for their commitment to this issue as well as Jacqueline Collins and John Mulroe in the Illinois Senate and Karen Yarbrough and Joe Lyons for their work in the House."

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