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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 6:24 PM  
To: Firstlady1.Diana; Rickert, Diana  
Cc: mediapro.anne@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: Sneed

Adding Diana Rickert.

> On Jul 18, 2017, at 6:12 PM, Firstlady1.Diana <[Firstlady1.Diana@illinois.gov](mailto:Firstlady1.Diana@illinois.gov)> wrote:

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> Emily, please forward to Diana as I don't yet have her new email.

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> Thanks for a great conversation today. I'm excited for the potential to change the narrative and get Bruce out far more right away. I wanted to follow up on our conversation re Sneed and bring Anne's good thinking into the mix.

> As we discussed, Emily is a great off the record spokesperson for the "silent majority" who weren't part of the last boss cabal. She's been there since the beginning and has been on the receiving end, especially in the last year or so. I think she can speak to a genuine sigh of relief that some of the arrogance and closed thinking that excluded so many great contributors has been swept out and a more open, respectful and inclusive atmosphere can emerge. I'd also like her to push back on the idea that the IPI folks have done a takeover that will move the governor to the right-- rather, they're aligning with him. And that they're professional and pragmatic and understand the difference between governing and advocacy.

> Finally, I'd really like to push back on the idea that I'm somehow behind this-- honestly that complaint reveals the ambivalence about (or maybe pure dislike of) a First Lady with policy and messaging expertise and influence who is not controllable-- I know they dismissed me as a "liberal democrat" and resented my feedback on their performance. And it's part of the closed thinking culture to resent anyone who comes in with differing viewpoints and new ideas.

> Would like to discuss next steps to get this going asap so we can squish these stories. Thanks

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Anne Kavanagh