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Update 1:

States are currently ending protections and benefits for millions of Americans that have been in place since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Shriver is working to prevent Illinois from ending these benefits through policy advocacy and I am honored to contribute to this effort.

Update 2:

The Supreme Court's recent decisions on presidential immunity, regulations, and the criminalization of homelessness make abundantly clear the impact that the law has on our lives. American superstructures like the Supreme Court are broken and devoid of the values most of us hold to be true. The Court endangers more people every single day. Organizations fighting for harm reduction on the ground are just one part of the approach needed to reverse and end the series of onslaughts on our communities.

Update 3:

My internship with Shriver Center is coming to a close this week. At Shriver I have had the opportunity to work closely with the Health and Economic Justice, providing legal research on topics related to Medicaid temporary flexibilities that came up during the COVID-19 pandemic and streamlining benefit eligibility for income maintenance programs in the state. I am grateful for my fellow interns and the staff at Shriver who have helped make this summer a great learning experience!

Update 4:

Now that my internship at Shriver is complete, I am excited to continue enhancing my legal research and writing skills. Being a research assistant to an expert in Federal Indian law has been an eye-opening experience. This is not an area of the law that I currently know a lot about, but



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with each week in this role I am learning more. Combined with my research at Shriver I have been able to seriously hone my research and writing skills that I look forward to using for the greater good in the coming years.

Update 5:

As my summer internship at the Shriver Center has ended, I am filled with hope for the future of the law and Illinois policy in a way I have not been before. On the economic justice front, the Center is pushing for a guaranteed income that would pull thousands of Illinoisans out of deep poverty. On the healthcare front, the Center has expended medicaid year after year and is well on their way to covering thousands more undocumented immigrants in the coming years. At times this year the law has not felt like a place for those of us pushing for a better world, but the Shriver Center has given me hope that I can hold on to and for that I am so grateful.