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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE COLLECTS NEARLY \$1 BILLION IN STATE REVENUE IN 2018

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced his office collected \$991 million in revenue on behalf of the state through litigation and collection efforts in 2018. The revenue collected for the state by the Attorney General's office shows that for every dollar of taxpayer funding the office received, it generated \$32.13 to flow back to the state.

"At a time when the state faced unprecedented economic uncertainty, the Attorney General's office brought in nearly a billion dollars, including more than \$37 million to go directly to the state's pension systems," Raoul said. "In 2019, my commitment is to continue to give taxpayers a strong return on their investment by expanding the office's efforts to protect workers and consumers, promote government transparency, and advocate for victims of crimes."

The revenue collected by Raoul's office in 2018 included settlements with Royal Bank of Scotland and Wells Fargo to resolve an investigation into the companies' marketing and sale of risky residential mortgage-backed securities leading up to the 2008 economic collapse. That collection of \$37.25 million was designated for the Illinois pension system.

The Attorney General's office also collected more than \$332 million through collections litigation, including cases involving the collection of funds for damage to state property, child support enforcement, fines and penalties. Raoul's office also collected more than \$306 million through tobacco litigation and more than \$315 million in estate tax revenues.

In addition to recoveries for the state, the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Bureaus mediated more than 21,000 complaints in 2018 and provided nearly \$12 million in mediated and litigated savings for Illinois consumers.