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## CUB STATEMENT ON COM ED-RELATED CORRUPTION TRIAL

CHICAGO–The jury has spoken. We hope today's verdict and the years of embarrassing scandal involving ComEd serve as a warning to any Illinois utilities tempted to resort to illegal acts to enrich their coffers and victimize their customers. However, we continue to believe that justice is incomplete: ComEd and AT&T have both admitted to corruption in statements to federal prosecutors, and yet neither company has offered any restitution to their long-suffering customers. If ComEd can pay \$200 million and AT&T \$23 million in fines to federal authorities, they should pay as much to the actual victims of these corporate scandals: their customers.

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