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going to be building buildings; I can assure you we will not be building buildings with this--it is my intent is to have some level of residential component to some of these programs because, as I indicated, Senator Fischer, one of the deficiencies in our current system when it comes to prostitution, the prostitution population, is that we really have no residential specific based treatment program. And therefore, these women, when they come out of our county jails, they're put right back in the same environment without any degree of aftercare that's effective.

SENATOR FISCHER: And how are you going to measure success?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: The successful outcomes will come as a result of lack of interfacing with the criminal justice system, is my hope. Senator Fischer, in Omaha they have a city ordinance where if you're convicted of prostitution, and I believe it's on the third offense--or fourth offense, I'm sorry, fourth offense--it's an automatic six months in jail, no ands, ifs, or buts. Probation is not even an opportunity for the court to decide. We have women that go through this system year after year after year, I'm informed by our city prosecutor, that literally perpetually do six months in jail a year, every year, for the last five, six years. And my hope is, for my own community--now what Columbus may do, what Lincoln may do with their portion of the funding, that they can draw down some of these funds--my hope is that we can interdict that vicious cycle.

SENATOR FISCHER: If all the funds aren't used, and you're asking for \$750,000, if programs haven't been started up and this takes time and the full \$750,000 aren't used the first year, what happens to that?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: That's a good question. I would suspect, and this is...I would suspect that the funds would be lapsed back in with the department. But I...having been involved with this for four years now, in working with groups and my constituency in collaboration with Senator Howard, I could...and considering the amount of mail and information I've gotten subsequent to these bills being introduced, I can practically