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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON COUNTY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST DRUG
MANUFACTURERS**

"I commend Cook County, and counties across the area, for taking legal action to hold drug companies accountable for fueling the opioid epidemic. When Chicago led the charge against pharmaceutical companies for misleading marketing three years ago, our fight was a lonely one. Today, as we increase investments in education, prevention and treatment to address this epidemic for every community in Chicago, we are encouraged that other cities, counties and states have joined the legal fight to hold drug companies responsible for their knowingly deceptive, disingenuous practices."

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