

Full Text of Recovery Video

Senator Kirk:

I wanted to make sure that we could update the people of Illinois on my progress against the stroke, and provide regular updates.

The progress that I have made has been very encouraging – learning to walk again and improving my speaking skills, all due to the experts at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

There have been some exciting moments – when I climbed every story of the RIC building!

The changes to my daily life have been very important. Now I'm no longer in inpatient; now I'm in my own library, back in Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Almost every day I've been briefed as events unfolded to keep track of what could be important for the state of Illinois.

Very good to be at home, out of an institution. Right now I talk to my staff several times a day to talk about key issues.

I've been keeping up with Senate business by the regular emails that the minority leader sends out regarding upcoming votes.

I've also met with other members of Congress including the Congresswoman for Hinsdale, Judy Biggert, and it's been really touching to have these visits from colleagues come all the way from Washington. They have been really morale boosters.

I'm working on a project with Senator Durbin right now to make sure we have a US Attorney who is just as good as Patrick Fitzgerald, one of the best public servants we have ever seen in the state of Illinois.

Senator Durbin and I have come up with a bipartisan panel of distinguished jurists to review applications for the US Attorney job. Our state really needs a good US Attorney that is as much like Patrick Fitzgerald as we can get.

So, I released this video to make sure that people know what my condition is, to be an example to other Illinois families that may unfortunately have to survive stroke. I want to thank the people of Illinois for their patience with this patient to recover from a big stroke, to make sure that they know that your loved one can recover quite a bit.

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