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## **Ford and Advocacy Groups Say If There Must be New Taxes, We Must See Positive Changes in Underserved Communities**

**CHICAGO** – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) announced Thursday that he will join members of the clergy, organized labor, advocates for human services, parents and students at a press conference on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 10:30 am to ask legislative leaders to direct emergency revenue to underserved communities in the event that taxes are increased.

“Fiscal responsibility is about finding ways we can spend money upfront to save more money in the future, and that means investing in crime intervention and prevention, substance abuse treatment, home care for the elderly and education,” Ford said. “In the underserved communities I represent, a lack of this type of investment is costing taxpayers across Illinois thousands of dollars by increasing incarceration and institutionalization. We need a smarter fiscal approach and it needs to start in places like the West Side of Chicago, with funding for programs that we know are good uses of taxpayer dollars.”

For more information, contact Rep. Ford’s office at (773) 378-5902.

<b>What:</b>	Press conference to ask that tax increase is used to help underserved communities
<b>Who:</b>	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association, Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School, A Safe Haven, Protestants for the Common Good, West Side Ministers’ Coalition, Westside Health Authority, Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities, Safer Foundation, SEIU, AFSCME, educators, parents, IARF, CBHA, and students
<b>When:</b>	Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.
<b>Where:</b>	Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School 5088 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago