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## **Ford Pushes for Immediate Solutions to Address State's Budget Crisis; Slash Waste and Inefficiencies**

**SPRINGFIELD, IL** – On Wednesday, state Rep. La Shawn Ford (D-Chicago) introduced House Joint Resolution 83, which calls for the creation of an eight member panel to conduct a thorough assessment of the state budget crisis and would make recommendations for slashing state government costs, waste, inefficiencies and finding new sources of revenue.

“This task force will allow the public to have more of a say in their government as we attempt to find solutions to the budget problems that have plagued the state for far too long,” Ford said. “We have many qualified citizens who should have a say in the process of setting our state’s spending priorities.”

House Joint Resolution 83 creates the 2010 State Financial Crisis Task Force to investigate all appropriate means of slashing government costs, waste, inefficiencies and finding new sources of revenue.

This legislation acknowledges that Illinois is currently in the throes of one of the worst budget crises in our state’s history and the current fiscal climate severely impacts our state’s social service providers and their clients, state employees, local units of governments, as well as almost every other aspect of our state and local communities.

“As we continue the process of making tough decisions about our state’s spending priorities, not only should our citizens have a say in the process, but the process itself should be guided by the principles of social justice, equity and fairness for all of our citizens,” Ford added.

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