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Rep. Ford Urges Citizens to Contact Gov. Quinn at 312-814-2121 for Immediate State Relief for Flood Victims

CHICAGO, IL– At a press conference held today, Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) urged citizens to call Governor Quinn to provide immediate relief to flood victims.

“We praise Gov. Quinn for his immediate attention to the recent flood on July 24th which devastated many families in Illinois, said Rep. Ford. “Gov. Quinn's request and ongoing push for FEMA’s assistance for families hit by the recent flood is responsible. We support and urge Gov. Quinn to not only wait for the action of FEMA, but to help Illinois's families now!”

At the press conference today, citizens said they have to replace ruined furnaces, hot water heaters, and have to deal with resulting mold. Some people lost everything they owned and are now homeless. “Today we have heard that even though the flood is gone, things are not back to normal, Rep. Ford said. “We need to contact Gov. Quinn to show that there is a need for emergency assistance now.”

More than 200 people at a recent town hall meeting and over 100 residents at today’s press conference were seeking help to make their homes safe and livable after the recent flood. “If you have experienced loss after the recent flood, please call, and ask your neighbors, family members, and friends to call Gov. Quinn and urge him to provide emergency help to begin putting your home back in order,” said Rep. Ford. “Please give Gov. Quinn your reasons why emergency relief is needed by calling his office at 312-814-2121.”

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