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## **With Increased Taxes, Ford Demands Better Services**

**CHICAGO** – In light of legislation passed by the General Assembly early this morning to increase personal and business taxes while capping spending increases, State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) stated today that Illinoisans need to be sure that they get what they pay for. “Increased taxes must lead to better services. People don’t mind paying for good services. We must demand that money is spent wisely, with greater transparency and accountability.”

“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 money across Illinois 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.”

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