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Illinois House Committee to Host Rally and Public Hearing on Unemployment and Job Creation

CHICAGO – As Illinois struggles with unemployment and scarce job opportunities, the House Small Business Empowerment and Workforce Development Committee, chaired by state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago), will hold a public hearing and a rally on unemployment and job creation on Tuesday, July 26, in downtown Chicago.

“As we continue the work to combat the ongoing economic crisis, we must continue to look for opportunities to create jobs,” Ford said. “I hope this rally and hearing on unemployment and job creation will send a message to Washington that Illinois is serious about creating jobs and going back to work.”

The rally and hearing will bring the public sector and private businesses to the table with government officials and citizens to find solutions to reduce unemployment in Illinois. Advocacy groups and unions will also testify on legislation sponsored in Springfield dealing with the staggering unemployment rates of veterans, the formerly incarcerated, people with disabilities, senior citizens, youths, Hispanic-Americans and African-Americans. The Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and business leaders are also expected to testify on job creation in Illinois.

Confirmed and invited participants for the rally and hearing to discuss unemployment and economic development include: Governor Pat Quinn, Congressman Danny K. Davis, Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer, Alderman Emma Mitts, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Patricia Horton, and representatives from the City of Chicago, Cook County, NAACP, AARP, Loyola Law School, the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, CMS, IDES, and IDOT, youth groups, and advocates.

For more information or to participate, call Rep. Ford’s constituent service center at 773-378-5902, or email repford@lashawnford.com.

What:	Public Hearing and Rally on Unemployment and Job Creation
Who:	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford and Small Business Empowerment & Workforce Development Committee
When:	Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.
Where:	Assembly Hall Auditorium, Concourse Level James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago

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