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Rep. La Shawn K. Ford Meets President Obama

Discusses Job Creation and Support for Small Businesses

Atkinson, IL – As President Obama concluded his visit to rural Illinois today, State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) met with President Obama to discuss several issues important to all citizens of Illinois, whether they live in rural, suburban, or urban communities.

“We talked about finding common ground on issues that affect citizens of Illinois living upstate or downstate,” said Rep. Ford. “I asked him whether a cost of living increase for those receiving Social Security was possible in the next year. The President noted that the Social Security program requires only modest changes to remain solvent, and that seniors should get some modest increase next year,” said Rep. Ford, one of two Illinois state legislators to meet the President in Atkinson. President Obama also encouraged the work of the Small Business Empowerment and Workforce Development Committee, which Rep. Ford chairs, in its work to grow jobs and empower businesses.

Rep. Ford stated, “People in rural and urban Illinois must find common ground, and when we do, we must support an agenda based on our economic interests. The time has come for people from all walks of life to find common ground based on our ability to pay our bills, take care of our families, help improve our communities, and live the American dream.”

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