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Rep. La Shawn K. Ford Files Resolution About Occupy Movement

Chicago Lawmaker says the State Movement for Economic Justice is Free Speech

SPRINGFIELD – On November 7, State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) filed House Resolution 610 in the Illinois House of Representatives expressing support for “the peaceful exercise of First Amendment Rights” by people across the state engaged in the Occupy protests. The resolution reaffirms what the First Amendment of the United States Constitution explicitly protects: “freedom of speech” and “the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

“This is a statewide movement from all walks of life,” Ford said. “There are young people and seniors, teachers and veterans, all protesting the economic crisis that continues to destroy families and weaken communities.”

Ford says, “We have to learn from the past regulations, which may have let us down, but we have to come together to find solutions to keep people in their homes and to achieve a greater degree of social justice.”

“Lawmakers in D.C. and in Springfield should work to deliver relief to families,” he told the Chicago protesters. “The Occupy movement with a vision can propose ideas and legislation to make our economy work for 100% of us. This is a new sit-in movement.”

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