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## **Amidst Shootings, Ford Urges Rauner to Install Expressway Video Surveillance**

**CHICAGO** – In 2017 alone, there have already been more than 20 expressway shootings in the city of Chicago. In an effort to curb this violence and provide more tools for law enforcement to keep expressways safe, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, passed a measure urging the installation and use of a new high-tech expressway video surveillance system per the recommendation of the Chicago Crime Commission.

“Expressways should be a safe zone for our families to exercise their freedom to travel, not a place where they are afraid of bullet flying,” said Ford. “These cameras would be a small step to linking the community and law enforcement for the same goal of making Chicago safe.”

Ford is the sponsor of House Resolution 173, a measure that takes the suggestion of the Chicago Crime Commission and urges Governor Bruce Rauner to use discretionary funds to install a high-tech expressway video surveillance system as soon as possible. Since 1919 the Chicago Crime Commission has worked toward improving the criminal justice system and improving the quality of public safety and justice. The hopes of the Commission is to curb expressway violence and give law enforcement a greater ability to track down perpetrators.

“We have discretionary funds sitting that the Governor can use, so it’s time we demand that we see some sort of care given to our Chicago communities. Instead of bringing in hundreds of more police, we can work smarter to solve crimes that endanger everybody” said Ford. “People need to know that violence is not the answer.”

House Resolution 173 was adopted by the house and a suitable copy has been provided to the governor for consideration.

Ford represents the 8th Representative District, which contains parts of Chicago’s Austin neighborhood and portions of Berwyn, Brookfield, Forest Park, La Grange, North Riverside and Oak Park. For more information, please contact Rep. Ford’s District Office at 773-378-5902, 708-445-3673 or visit [www.LaShawnFord.com](http://www.LaShawnFord.com).

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