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Join Rep. La Shawn K. Ford's Green Team to Slash Your Utility Bills

CHICAGO –Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) has teamed up with Illinois' top consumer group to offer his constituents a free online service that has been showing families how to cut their utility bills by more than \$100 a year. Constituents who sign up for CUB Energy saver, at www.cubenergysaver.com/teams/lashawnford, will join Rep. Ford's "Green Team." CUB Energy Saver was created by the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), Illinois' only nonprofit consumer group 100 percent focused on cutting utility bills. The online service recommends hundreds of free or low-cost actions households can take to slash electric and natural gas bills. It also connects to actual ComEd accounts to track real savings and to reward people who do reduce their power bills with shopping discounts from businesses such as Sears and Kmart.

"We are pleased to work with CUB to help hard-working families to save money," Rep. Ford said. "CUB Energy Saver helps households cut their costs, it protects the environment, and its rewards program helps boost the economy. This is a win-win-win for everyone."

Over its first 12 months of operation, CUB Energy Saver showed participants how to reduce annual electricity usage by an average of 5.5 percent, to save \$55 a year on power bills. The tool also showed consumers how to cut their natural gas bills by an additional \$49 a year—for total potential savings of \$104 a year. "CUB Energy Saver proves that it pays to be energy efficient," CUB Executive Director David Kolata said. "We applaud Rep. Ford for giving his constituents another tool to cut their costs and protect their bottom lines in this economy."

Sign up is free and should only take a few minutes. Consumers should have their ComEd bills with them when they sign up, at <https://www.cubenergysaver.com/teams/lashawnford>. Members of Rep. Ford's "Green Team" who build a money-saving plan for their homes will be able to see how much money and electricity they are saving individually and as a team.

CUB is Illinois' leading nonprofit utility watchdog organization. Created by the Illinois Legislature, CUB opened its doors in 1984 to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers. Since then, CUB has saved consumers more than \$10 billion by helping to block rate hikes and secure refunds over the years.

For more information, call CUB's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-669-5556, visit CUB's award-winning website, www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org, call Rep. Ford's constituent service office at 773-378-5902, or visit www.lashawnford.com.