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## **Rep. Ford Welcomes U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis to Springfield to Help with Efforts to Block Cuts to Medicaid**

**SPRINGFIELD** – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) welcomed Congressman Danny K. Davis (D-IL-7) to the Illinois House chamber on Thursday. Rep. Davis was in Springfield to join the Illinois House Legislative Black Caucus in opposing \$2 billion in cuts to vital services provided by the state's Medicaid program. Ford released the following statement:

"It was great to welcome Congressman Davis to the Illinois House today, as he is a valued colleague and a leader in the fight for quality health care for our state's most vulnerable residents. Congressman Davis has a long history of working with community health centers and other health care providers, and he works hard to promote policies so the underserved receive the health care that they deserve.

"Congressman Davis spoke with many of my colleagues in the House to help convince them that two wrongs don't make a right. The fiscal problems we are facing were not caused by those who will suffer the most under these Medicaid cuts. They should not be made to sacrifice their health.

"Many of the proposed cuts may actually cost the state more money in the long run. Forcing the poor out of Medicaid or cutting vital benefits will only send them to use more costly alternatives like emergency rooms, or even worse, cause them to stay home and avoid getting care when they need it."

For more information, please call one of Ford's constituent service offices; call the Oak Park office at (708) 445-3673 or the Chicago office at (773) 378-5902.

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