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Ford Warns State Universities Could See Cuts to Their Appropriations

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – House Appropriations-Higher Education Committee Chair La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, will join leaders from Illinois’ public universities for a press conference Wednesday in the Capitol’s Blue Room at 11 a.m. to highlight the need to prioritize higher education funding in this year’s budget discussions.

“For years, our universities have been unfairly destabilized as their state funding has decreased,” Ford said. “Last year’s funding level is not adequate, and we could be looking at even more possible cuts moving forward unless lawmakers are willing to make the tough decisions necessary to meet the needs of residents looking to earn a degree here in Illinois. We simply cannot maintain the status quo of asking higher education every year to do more with less. This year’s budget will have a significant impact on our universities now and moving forward, which makes it critical that lawmakers prioritize the need to improve funding levels for our institutions.”

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Who: La Shawn K. Ford, State Representative
Zaldwaynaka Scott, President – Chicago State University
David Glassman, President – Eastern Illinois University
Elaine Maimon, President – Governors State University
Larry Dietz, President – Illinois State University
Gloria Gibson, President – Northeastern Illinois University
Lisa Freeman, President – Northern Illinois University
Kevin Dorsey, President – Southern Illinois University
Jack Thomas, President – Western Illinois University
Barb Wilson, Executive Vice President and VP for Student Affairs – University of Illinois

What: Press conference to highlight need for higher education investment

When: Wednesday, May 1; 11 a.m.

Where: Capitol Blue Room, Springfield

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