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## **FORD CALLS GOVERNOR TO STOP IGNORING CHICAGO'S VIOLENCE**

**CHICAGO, IL** - State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-CH) is calling for Governor Rauner to appoint a chair and call a meeting for the Violence Prevention Task Force. The Violence Prevention Task Force was fought to be funded by Rep. Ford, and has not met or had a chair since Gov. Rauner took office.

"I fought to make sure the Violence Prevention Task Force was funded. The governor must now appoint a chair person and fill all the vacancies in the task force," said Ford. "The governor can no longer ignore the violence affecting our children and families. At least 58 people were shot in Chicago this weekend, so we need to act now."

The already funded Violence Prevention Task Force was passed by the House of Representatives in legislation authored by State Rep. Ford. The Violence Prevention Task Force bill was passed 90-6, with strong bipartisan support.

"We must work hard to do what we can to decrease violence. Establishing the task force was the first step in the right direction," said Ford. "We haven't met since 2014 and we need a meeting now if we are to strengthen our communities most at risk for violence. I fought to have this task force funded, and the governor must now take action."

The task force, of which Rep. Ford is a member, was created to help bring communities to a place where people have hope and the ability to turn their lives around, which in turn will make all our communities safer.

For more information, contact one of Ford's constituent service offices: In Chicago at 773-378-5902 or in the Stratton Office Building in Springfield at 217-782-5962.

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