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...From State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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Ford: Committee to Examine Barriers Ex-Offenders Face in Re-Entering Workforce

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The Illinois House Restorative Justice Committee – chaired by state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago – is holding a hearing on Wednesday, May 13 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 413 in the Stratton Building in Springfield to address barriers ex-offenders encounter as they reenter the workforce and ways they can be overcome.

“As chairman of the House Restorative Justice Committee, I am committed to making sure that all reformed ex-offenders have a pathway back to become productive citizens,” Ford said. “It is in the best interest of the public to be fair and justice to the reformed formally incarcerated community. We must afford all reformed citizens the liberty to put their past behind them and move forward as productive members of society.”

Who: State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

Melissa Williams – Attorney, Student Legal Services, University of Illinois at Chicago

Laura Caldwell – Director of Life After Innocence, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Benneth Lee – MA, Professor at Northeastern Illinois University

Founder of National Alliance for the Empowerment of Formerly Incarcerated People,

Anthony Lowery – Policy & Advocacy Director of the Safer Foundation

Randy Ryder – Consultant for North Lawndale Employment Network Founder and Executive

Director of Keepin it Real Law Project

Steve Baker – Legislative Liaison of the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender

Edith Crigler – Board Member of Illinois Prisoner Review Board

Samantha Gaddy – Policy Advisor for Public Safety, Office of the Governor

What: Illinois House Restorative Justice Committee Hearing on Reentry of Individuals Convicted of Class X felonies, and other felony offenses.

When: Wednesday, May 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Room 413 Stratton Building, Springfield

Why: To learn more about barriers that ex-offenders face when re-entering society and ways the state legislature can address these issues.

For more information, visit www.lashawnford.com or contact one of Ford’s constituent service offices: 816 S. Oak Park Avenue in Oak Park at 708-445-3673; 4800 W. Chicago Avenue in Chicago at 773-378-5902; or in the Stratton Office Building in Springfield at 217-782-5962.

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