

Media Advisory...

from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford

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State Rep. Ford to Rally for Sickle Cell Anemia Funding

SPRINGFIELD, IL – On Tuesday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m., state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, and the University of Illinois Sickle Cell Center will hold a rally outside of the State Capitol building in Springfield urging the governor and elected officials to reconsider proposals that would cut funding to the Sickle Cell Center, which treats patients with sickle cell anemia from across the state.

Ford and Sickle Cell Center leaders will be joined by those who support continued funding for the center and its work. To date, over 4,600 residents have signed a petition opposing cuts to the center's funding.

“With the Sickle Cell Center at UIC caring for the largest number of the 4,000 Sickle Cell patients in our state, funding is critical to the health of many Illinois residents,” state Rep. Ford said. “The Center is a pioneer in treating this disease, which can be deadly if left unchecked.”

WHO:	State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford University of Illinois Sickle Cell Center
WHAT:	Rally and press conference on Sickle Cell hospital readmission rules and budget cuts
WHEN:	Tuesday, May 19, 2015 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
WHERE:	Near Lincoln Statue Outside of the Illinois Capitol Building Springfield, IL

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