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Ford Salutes Bipartisan Work to Restore LIHEAP and CEDA Funding

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Last week the House and the Senate passed legislation that was signed by the governor to restore funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Community & Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA), the agency that administers LIHEAP and other programs in Cook County. This legislation had long been championed by state Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago. “More than a thousand people signed our petition to restore funding for LIHEAP and CEDA and other federally funded programs,” said Ford.

Senate Bill 2042, now Public Act 99-0409,

(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2042&GAID=13&GA=99&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=90586&SessionID=88>) passed the Senate and the House unanimously and was signed by the governor on August 20.

The federally funded LIHEAP program helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs in winter or in summer, including home energy bills, energy crises and weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs. LIHEAP is one of many programs CEDA offers to assist low-income residents of Cook County. CEDA provides services to over 500,000 clients in all areas of Cook County. Collectively, community action agencies such as CEDA serve more than one million individuals statewide every year, including more than 43,000 households in Cook County.

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