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More than 2000 Citizens Sign Ford's Petition To Restore Child Care

CHICAGO – State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, initiated a petition that supports House Joint Resolution 94 which he introduced that would restore eligibility for many parents seeking child care assistance, and more than 2000 people to date have signed the petition.

On September 16th, residents from Chicago will deliver this petition to the Illinois State House, the Illinois State Senate, and Governor Bruce Rauner. The petition was created on MoveOn's petition site and states: "Urges the Department of Human Services and Governor Bruce Rauner to rescind Illinois' new Child Care Assistance Programs (CCAP) guidelines established by the Governor's Emergency Rules, effective July 1, 2015, and to restore the CCAP eligibility standards and guidelines in effect on June 30, 2015."

House Joint Resolution 94

(<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=94&GAID=13&GA=99&DocTypeID=HJR&LegID=92159&SessionID=88>) was introduced by Ford in response to the many parents who have expressed that they need this vital support so they may afford child care for their children so they may go to work.

Under new eligibility rules for child care in Illinois put in place by Governor Bruce Rauner effective July 1, an estimated 90 percent of new applicants for the state's Child Care Assistance Programs will not qualify for services, and many more will be locked out of child care.

To read the petition, go to: <http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/childcare-support-sjr>. MoveOn's online organizing platform was created to allow progressive individuals and organizations to run their own online campaigns.

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).

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