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## **Ford to Launch White House Petition to Support HR 1011 on December 6th, 2016 For President Obama to Establish a Study on the Impact of Slavery**

**CHICAGO, IL** – Illinois State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) plans to launch a petition on December 6, 2016 in order to receive 99,999 signatures. This planned petition will get the White House to review and respond to Illinois House Resolution (HR)1011. HR 1011, through bipartisan efforts, was adopted by the Illinois House Restorative Justice Committee and unanimously recommended by the full Illinois House of Representatives on Jun 30, 2016.

“We will have 30 days from the launch date of December 6th 2016 for this petition to ask the Obama Administration to take action to commission a study on the impact of slavery,” said Ford. “If the petition gets enough support, the Obama Administration will issue an official response. Through the petition, the Illinois House of Representatives will here by requests that President Obama commission a study on the impact of slavery on American families. On Jan 20, 2017, Donald J. Trump will be president of the United States. This may be our last chance to get the White House on the right side of history.”

Many supporters of HR 1011 believe it is crucial President Obama uses his Executive Order to commission a study on slavery’s impact on Americans before he leaves office. Given the history our country played in slavery, a commission to study the impact of slavery is more appropriate now than ever before.

“It is imperative, now more than ever before with the recent election, that before President Obama leaves office, the first and only black president commissions a study dealing with the impact of slavery to address the inequalities experienced by African Americans,” said Ford.

This proposed initiative of the past descendants of slaves in America, would help study the obstacles that still exist today in education, employment, housing, health care, and justice.

For more information, 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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