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Ford Attends National Caucus of Environmental Legislators Forum

BOSTON – State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, joined 128 state legislators from 36 states at the 2017 National Issues Forum organized by the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL) in Boston from August 3-5, 2017. The National Caucus of Environmental Legislators is a nationwide network of more than 1,100 state legislators from both parties and all 50 states and serves as a resource on environmental issues by empowering state legislators committed to environmental issues and connecting them across state and party lines.

Ford participated in sessions including: electric vehicle infrastructure and sustainable transportation; how decisions in Washington will affect the states; building the utility grid of the future; outdoor recreation and supporting public lands; environmental health: eliminating toxins from household products, food and water; bridging the urban/rural divide; carbon pricing in the states; and climate resilience.

NCEL Executive Director Jeff Mauk believes that there is an appetite for state action on environmental issues unlike anything he has seen before, especially in the wake of the President's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement. "Regardless of what's happening in Washington, America will continue its leadership on combatting climate change because of the great work of states and cities" said Mauk. "State legislators from both parties know that reducing carbon pollution and eliminating toxins are good for the economy and for the health of their constituents."

"Illinois has been a leader in environmental issues, but we have much more to do," said Ford. "I look forward to partnering with local and state partners to implement renewable energy policies and to create jobs in those industries, especially for areas that have been underserved like the West Side of Chicago and our western suburbs."

Ford represents the Eighth Representative District, which contains parts of Chicago's Austin neighborhood and portions of Berwyn, Brookfield, Forest Park, La Grange, La Grange Park, North Riverside and Oak Park. For more information, please contact Rep. Ford's district office at [773-378-5902](tel:773-378-5902) or visit www.LaShawnFord.com.



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