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FORD CALLS FOR MORE BLACKS TO DONATE BLOOD

SPRINGFIELD – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) speaks at a Statehouse news conference Thursday about the need for more African Americans to donate blood.

According to statistics from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers, African Americans make up almost 13 percent of the nation's population and blood users but only one percent of the nation's blood donors. Illinois is currently experiencing a shortage of blood donations from African Americans.

Also pictured with Ford are representatives from the Illinois Coalition of Community Blood Centers.

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