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Rep. La Shawn K. Ford urges Governor Quinn to Support Small Business Saturday with a Tax Holiday for their Consumers

CHICAGO – State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago), Chairman of the Illinois House Small Business Empowerment/Workforce Development Committee, urges Governor Quinn to help small businesses and struggling consumers with a one-day sales tax holiday on this year's Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This tax holiday could have a direct and immediate impact for both small businesses and their consumers.

In July 2010, Governor Quinn approved a 10-day sales tax holiday for back-to-school items. The tax holiday for Small Business Saturday proposed by Rep. Ford would last for 24 hours. Ford said, "Illinois' big businesses continue to fight for break after break, leaving small businesses to continue to fight in this struggling economy with very few options. The state of Illinois continues to look for ways to support larger businesses, and that same effort must be given to small businesses in Illinois. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and much of an economic recovery is powered by small business hiring and innovation." This proposal could help small businesses attract consumers on Small Business Saturday, increasing their bottom line. The Illinois Procurement Code notes that small retail businesses are those with annual sales and receipts of less than \$6 million.

"Small business owners sometimes invest their life-savings in starting up and running their businesses, helping Illinois to be vibrant and full of diverse options for consumers," stated Ford. "We must protect these investments, and secure the jobs and revenue that each small business brings to Illinois. I urge Governor Quinn to continue his efforts to support small businesses and struggling consumers in Illinois by considering this proposal," said Ford.

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