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*from State Representative La Shawn K. Ford*

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## **Ford to Introduce Legislation to Prevent Trump's Stop and Frisk Push**

**CHICAGO-** State Representative La Shawn K. Ford (D-CH) is preparing to file legislation to stop the practice of stop and frisk. Recently President Trump at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Convention called for police in Chicago stated that the city needs more stop and frisk. He was quoted saying stopping, questing and pat-downs of individuals that look suspicious will work.

“The current contract between the FOP and the city of Chicago is preventing the crucial reforms that the police department and our city needs. According to the ACLU 92% of those stopped in Chicago were people of color,” said Ford. “95% of those frisked in Chicago were people of color. Studies (including in Chicago) suggest that stop-and-frisk does not effectively reduce crime where it is used. Studies have also shown that the majority of citizens of color view the practice as discriminatory and dehumanizing, leading to the erosion of trust between police and the communities of color they serve.”

Many courts (including in New York City) have found the practice also violates the Fourteenth Amendment's promise of equal protection, as Black and Latino people are subject to stops and searches at a higher rate than whites.

“I plan on introducing legislation that will prevent stop and frisk in Illinois,” said Ford. “We need better protection of people’s civil liberties,” said Ford. “Enough is enough, we are trying to bring peace between the police that protect us and the community.”

ACLU on Stop and Frisk: <https://www.aclu-il.org/en/campaigns/stop-and-frisk>

**WHAT: Ford to Announces to Introduce Legislation to End Stop and Frisk**

**WHO: State Representative La Shawn K. Ford**

**WHEN: Tuesday, October 9**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

**WHERE: Slice of Bronzeville, 4655 S. King Drive, CH, IL**

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