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Fine Highlights Flood Recovery Resources

GLENVIEW, IL – As Illinoisans continue cleaning and salvaging after the recent historic flooding, state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) is encouraging residents to contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to see if they qualify for assistance.

“Cleaning up from the damage of the recent flooding can take a long time and be very expensive for homeowners,” Fine said. “Following the flooding, Cook County was designated a disaster area, which allows residents to apply for federal disaster assistance. I encourage people to take advantage of this relief.”

To receive assistance from FEMA, residents must contact the agency directly and provide the address of the damaged property, the names of the people living in the household, a description of the damage, insurance information, and social security number. After applying for assistance applicants will receive a FEMA application number to reference as the application goes through the approval process. Only damages that are not covered by insurance can qualify for disaster assistance.

Residents can call FEMA at (800) 621-3362 or visit www.disasterassistance.gov to see if they qualify for assistance. To report instances of consumer fraud related to scam artists peddling disaster assistance, call Attorney General Lisa Madigan’s office at (800) 386-5438.

“If anyone believes they might be victim of a scam, I urge them to contact the attorney general’s office immediately,” Fine said. “Many residents have already been through so much following these historic floods; these con artists are adding insult to injury. I strongly urge community members to utilize the help of my office, FEMA and the attorney general to expedite the recovery process.”

For more information, please call Fine’s constituent service office at (847) 998-1717.

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