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Fine Completes First Legislative Session Focusing on Fiscal Responsibility, Ethics Reform

SPRINGFIELD, IL – State Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) concluded a busy first legislative session on Friday that saw her pushing to increase fiscal responsibility, improve government accountability, and rein in costly pension abuse.

“We faced many challenges in Springfield this session. As a new state representative I knew there was a lot of work to be done, and my goal was to make a positive impact for our district,” Fine said. “Lawmakers worked together to pass a balanced budget and cut wasteful spending in order to protect Illinoisans’ hard-earned dollars. We have made great progress and I look forward to continuing my work on behalf of the community.”

In her first legislative session, Rep. Fine supported efforts to rein in state spending, including voting to cut her own salary and benefits. Fine also supported other common-sense efforts to reduce spending, such as reducing the state’s fleet of vehicles and ensuring that state resources are used responsibly and efficiently.

To combat pension abuse and save the state money, Fine introduced legislation that requires all boards and commissions appointed by the Cook County President to follow the ethics laws of that county and to be held accountable by the Cook County Inspector General. The legislation followed recommendations made by the Cook County Inspector General’s Office after an investigation of three Northfield Woods Sanitary District trustees found that the trustees had overpaid themselves by more than \$264,000 from the taxpayers’ money and had created and contributed to a pension plan.

“At a time when every penny saved helps our hard working families, I was happy to push for reforms to help keep more money in our resident’s pockets,” Fine said. “From reducing waste and fraud in government to increasing ethical standards and transparency, I remain committed to making sure that Illinois’ public servants are held accountable to taxpayers. It has been an eye opening experience being in Springfield, and I look forward to doing even more to help our area.”

Over the summer Fine will be hosting a variety of community events to seek input from local residents on how they can work together to move the state forward. For more information about any of these events, please contact Rep. Fine’s full-time constituent services office by calling (847) 998-1717 or by emailing RepFine@gmail.com.

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