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## **Rep. Fine Highlights Efforts to Prevent Domestic Violence**

**GLENVIEW, Ill.** – In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, state Rep. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, is highlighting recent state efforts to end the cycle of abuse.

“According to the Illinois State Police, there are over 100,000 instances of domestic violence in Illinois each year and many more that go unreported,” Fine said. “In addition to physical injury, victims of this abuse often suffer depression, anxiety and substance abuse problems. Legislation I supported will hold domestic abusers accountable and give victims the time and peace of mind they need to recover from these devastating acts.”

Fine supported House Bill 958 – which was recently signed into law – to enhance penalties for repeat domestic abusers. Under the measure, an offender with one or two prior convictions could be sentenced to a Class 4 felony punishable by one to three years in prison. An offender with three prior convictions would be charged with a Class 3 felony punishable by two to five years in prison. An offender with four or more prior convictions could be sentenced to a Class 2 felony punishable by three to seven years in prison.

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides us an important opportunity to reflect on what we can do to give victims and their families the support they need,” said Fine. “I am committed to supporting legislation that puts additional protections in place and allows victims to speak up against those committing this terrible crime.”

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