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Fine Votes to Crack Down on State Spending

GLENVIEW, IL – Building on her efforts to reduce wasteful spending and encourage fiscal responsibility, state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) recently voted to create a spending limit for the Fiscal Year 2014.

“As a candidate I pledged to reduce state spending and this is an important first step,” said Fine. “For far too long the state spent more money than it received and took money from other funds to meet its obligations. This spending cap holds all lawmakers responsible to taxpayers and ensures that we do not spend a dime more than we responsibly can.”

Fine joined an overwhelming majority of legislators in supporting House Resolution 83 and House Joint Resolution 17. These resolutions set the spending cap for the state of Illinois at \$35.081 billion.

The spending limit for Fiscal Year 2014 was determined after testimony from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA), and the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The budget cap reflects all expected revenue for the state of Illinois, including all federal money. After meeting pension obligations, paying down bills, and other necessary spending, the Appropriation Committees in the House of Representatives will meet to determine how the rest of the budget will be spent. These five appropriation committees will meet to go line by line through the budget and appropriate the necessary funds for elementary and secondary education, higher education, human services, and general state services.

“I am committed to ensuring that the state lives within its means,” said Fine. “I know this cannot be done on the backs of the people who rely on state services.”

Fine serves on the House Appropriations Committee for Higher Education. For more information, please contact Rep. Fine’s constituent services office by calling (847) 998-1717 or by e-mailing RepFine@gmail.com.

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