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Rep. Fine Supports Legislation to Increase Awareness of Illinois-Made Products

GLENVIEW, IL – Continuing efforts to promote locally grown and produced products, state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) recently helped pass House Bill 1272, which designates the first Saturday of every month as “Eat Local, Buy Illinois Day”.

“When we buy local products, we ensure that the money we spend stays within the Illinois economy,” said Fine who serves on the Business Growth & Incentives Committee. “Each dollar spent helps local businesses grow by expanding their product line and hiring more people. To help get our economy off the ground we must be willing to invest in our area economy.”

This proposal would assist current efforts by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to promote local foods and products. The Department estimates that if each household in Illinois spent \$10 a month on Illinois products, an additional \$2.4 billion would be generated in economic activity.

“As state and community leaders continue to look for ways to make businesses stronger, we must not forget to enlist the support of our most important resource—our citizens,” said Fine. “We can all do our part to help Illinois businesses, if we remain committed to buying locally grown food and products made right in our own back yards.”

House Bill 1272 now moves to Senate for further consideration. For more information, please contact Rep. Fine’s constituent service office at (847) 998-1717 or RepFine@gmail.com.

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