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Rep. Fine Pushes for Greater Transparency at Transit Authorities

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – State Rep. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, recently helped pass legislation to make transit board meetings more accessible to the public and increase accountability at the state’s public transportation authorities.

“Residents throughout the city and suburban area depend on public transit to get to work, school and around the region,” Fine said. “Unfortunately, over the past several years, we have learned of many instances of transit officials looking out for themselves, instead of the commuters they serve. Lawmakers are working to address these serious issues and one of our first steps must be making their public meetings more accessible.”

House Bill 3672, which Fine co-sponsored, requires the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, the Pace Suburban Bus Service and other transit service boards to broadcast their public meetings over the Internet. Additionally, these boards will be required to record and post these meetings on their website for the public to view.

“Time after time we have seen that shining a light on the government agencies reduces corruption and holds public officials accountable,” Fine continued. “This measure allows citizens, regardless of their location, to know what actions public officials are taking on their behalf. I will continue to fight for legislation that make government and its agencies more accountable to the people they serve.”

House Bill 3672 moves onto the Senate for further consideration. For more information, please contact Fine’s full-time constituent services office by calling 847-998-1717 or by emailing RepFine@gmail.com.

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