



IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends & neighbors,

Session has finally resumed and I'm happy to have joined my colleagues in Springfield. With the promise of Spring on the horizon, I truly feel that anything is possible. I've worked hard over the last few months crafting legislation that I hope will help improve lives for the people of the 25th district. You can visit the [Illinois General Assembly](#) website for a complete and up-to-date listing of my bills. Please contact my office (630) 326 9319, if you have questions.

PPP Deadline Fast Approaching

I've previously shared that the third round of the PPP is open, but the deadline is approaching fast. Small businesses have until March 31, 2021, to apply. For specific information visit [SBA's website](#). The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has [webinars](#) available, and don't overlook the [Small Business Development Centers \(SBDC\)](#) at our community colleges.

IDES Phishing Scam Alert!

The Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) was made aware of new phishing attacks targeting Illinoisans. Bad actors posing as IDES representatives are sending emails to victims, designed to trick Illinoisans into disclosing their personal information. These scams falsely advertise an increase in weekly benefits. It is critical for claimants and victims of fraud to remain vigilant to [detect fraudulent correspondence](#).

If you believe you've been a victim of unemployment fraud, contact [IDES](#) immediately.

Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

IDHS issues many Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) throughout the year, you can find a full list of funding opportunities on [the IDHS Grant Opportunities web page](#).

What's Next?

This week our Education Advisory Committee meets on Thursday, and our Senior Advisory Committee will meet Friday at 10 am. Don't miss our Mental Health Advisory Committee meeting March 18th at 7:00 p.m. For meeting information, please contact the committees: education.49th@gmail.com, seniors.49th@gmail.com, mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com.

As always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karina Villa".

Karina Villa, MSW
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