



State Senator Karina Villa

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Hello friends & neighbors,
Last week was the Veto Session! Here are some exciting legislative updates:

Investing in the electric vehicle industry

I voted in favor of **House Bill 1769**, which will preserve and create jobs by providing incentives to electric vehicle manufacturers. The measure provides a tax credit for manufacturers of electric vehicles, parts and power supplies – and businesses in underserved areas would be eligible for an even larger benefit.

Supporting our teachers

To allow teachers and staff to take off the time they need to recover or take care of someone close to them, I supported **House Bill 2778**. The measure allows employees of public schools and universities who are required to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 to take administrative leave days to follow public health guidance.

Protecting our contractors

To alleviate instances of unfair compensation practices, I voted for **House Bill 3293** to make general contractors liable for the failure of a subcontractor to pay wages to its workers.

Adopting humane work policies

To put airline employees' rights in line with other industries, I voted in favor of **House Bill 106** to allow them to use already-earned sick time to care for sick family members.

The measure also clarifies that homes near Chicago Midway International Airport may receive at least 15% of reimbursements for the costs associated with replacing windows or doors with soundproof materials after receiving proof of installation.

Addressing EMS shortages

I was happy to support **House Bill 2431** to address the insufficiency by requiring the Illinois Department of Public Health to adopt rules to allow EMS personnel who have both been certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and have applied for licensure to operate on provisional status.



Chicago Sky Championship

Last week, we welcomed WNBA's Chicago Sky at the capitol and celebrated their momentous win. This is the Sky's first championship in franchise history. Congratulations to all!

Workforce Fair

Keep your schedule clear! Our office will be hosting a Workforce Fair on November 6th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. The event will have over twenty trade-based employers. No previous education or training is needed to attend. The Workforce Fair will be held at West Chicago High School.

Senator Villa's
WORKFORCE FAIR
ON NOVEMBER 6TH | FROM 2:00PM TO 5:00PM
AT WEST CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL (ENTRANCE B)
25+ trade-based employers.
No secondary education or training needed.
Call (630) 326-9319 or email info@senatorvilla.com for more information!

Reverence for Diversity in Illinois

The IL Muslim Civic Coalition and Senator Laura Ellman have introduced this Amendment. The Amendment states that all elected officials in Illinois taking the oath of office will now also recite the phrase: "I swear to protect and honor the diversity of the people of this great state". Keep an eye out for subject matter hearings on this amendment. Click [here](#) for more information.

Menstrual Product Drive

My office is hosting a Menstrual Product Drive in partnership with Representative Hirschauer and Go With the Flow! We will be collecting menstrual hygiene products from November 1st until November 28th. For more information regarding drop off locations, click [here](#).

Snow Pants & Snow Boot Drive

Our office is partnering with DuPage County Board Member Sheila Rutledge to collect Snow Pants and Snow Boots from November 2nd to December 2nd for WeGo Together for Kids! We will be accepting snow boots and snow pants at our office, Daniel & Associates, and the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce!

What's Next?

Our office partners with State Representative Maura Hirschauer and co-runs four advisory committees: Environmental and Agriculture, Mental Health, Seniors, and Education. These committees are a limited public forum led by volunteer chairs and seek to create compassionate conversation among the voices of the 25th/49th districts in order to help build our legislative agenda and grow our knowledge in these areas.

On November 16th from 6:00pm-7:00pm, our office will be co-hosting our Mental Health Advisory Committee. To join via Zoom email, mentalhealth.49th@gmail.com.

My staff and I look forward to hearing from you. I encourage you to reach out to us at 630-326-9319 (English), 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or constituentservices@senatorvilla.com.

Be well!

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