

## **November Newsletter Summary:**

***In this newsletter, you will find information about my...***

- ***Travels across our community and State Capitol***
  - Smyser School Visit, CEJA Advocates, CPS Teachers & Students and more
- ***Updates on legislation I am sponsoring!***
  - Senate Bill 1786 – *Passed House*
  - Senate Bill 1970 – *Passed House*
  - House Bill 3888 – *Passed Committee & House*
  - Senate Bill 1784 – *Passed House*
- ***Important dates:***
  - *Monday, November 11 – STATE HOLIDAY! My office will be closed, but we'll be back first thing on Tuesday, Nov. 12!*



## **Lindsey LaPointe**

### **State Representative · 19th District**

Dear Neighbors,

I'm proud to represent you and your family as the new State Representative for the 19th District in the Illinois House. For those who know me, I am a social worker by training and at heart, and I've spent recent years in public policy, state government, and community work.

In this edition of my monthly newsletter, I have the chance to show you my first experience in our Capitol as your State Representative. I've recently been appointed to several important House Committees. They are:

- Mental Health Committee
- Appropriations-Public Safety
- Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies
- Energy & Environment
- Labor & Commerce

Each of these committees plays a pivotal role in safeguarding Illinois' middle-class families, our environment, public schools, mental health services, and making sure our neighborhoods are safe.

In my first-ever committee meeting, I listened to advocates, parents and experts provide testimony on special education policy for Chicago Public Schools (CPS).

In Springfield, the House Energy & Environment committee met to discuss the Ethylene Oxide (EtO) legislation that puts limitations on the use of the chemical in Illinois industrial facilities, as it has been classified as a class one carcinogen (cancerous chemical). I'm proud to have supported House Bill 3888, which would set the highest national safety standards on EtO's use in Illinois. The bill moved to the House floor from there, where I supported the bill a second time. The legislation awaits consideration in the Illinois Senate.

While also on the House floor last week, I listened to and participated in a debate on legislation that would provide high school students with a two-hour

window on Election Day to cast a vote. I shared my views on the bill saying, “Anything we can do to encourage young people to vote is a win for democracy, and this is a great way to develop good civic habits early on.” I supported Senate Bill 1970. I also heard spirited debate on legislation that helps protect the collective bargaining rights of hardworking men and women across Illinois. The measure, Senate Bill 1784, is one that I also supported before it was sent for consideration to the Senate.

Overall, the first half of veto session was productive. Next week, I will head back down to Springfield for the second half of veto session to work through several pieces of remaining legislation from this year’s spring session before adjourning until next session in January 2020.

## Here's what's happening in our district and Capitol!

In Springfield, I had the pleasure of meeting countless advocates in the Capitol urging the passage of the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA – HB3624). *This is the first bill I sponsored since becoming State Representative!*

*Top Right:*

My recent tour and visit at Smyser. Principal Jerry Travlos introduced me and my Chief of Staff, Jessica, to teachers and students. We also discussed some of the unique needs of the school and challenges faced by collectively by schools within the district.



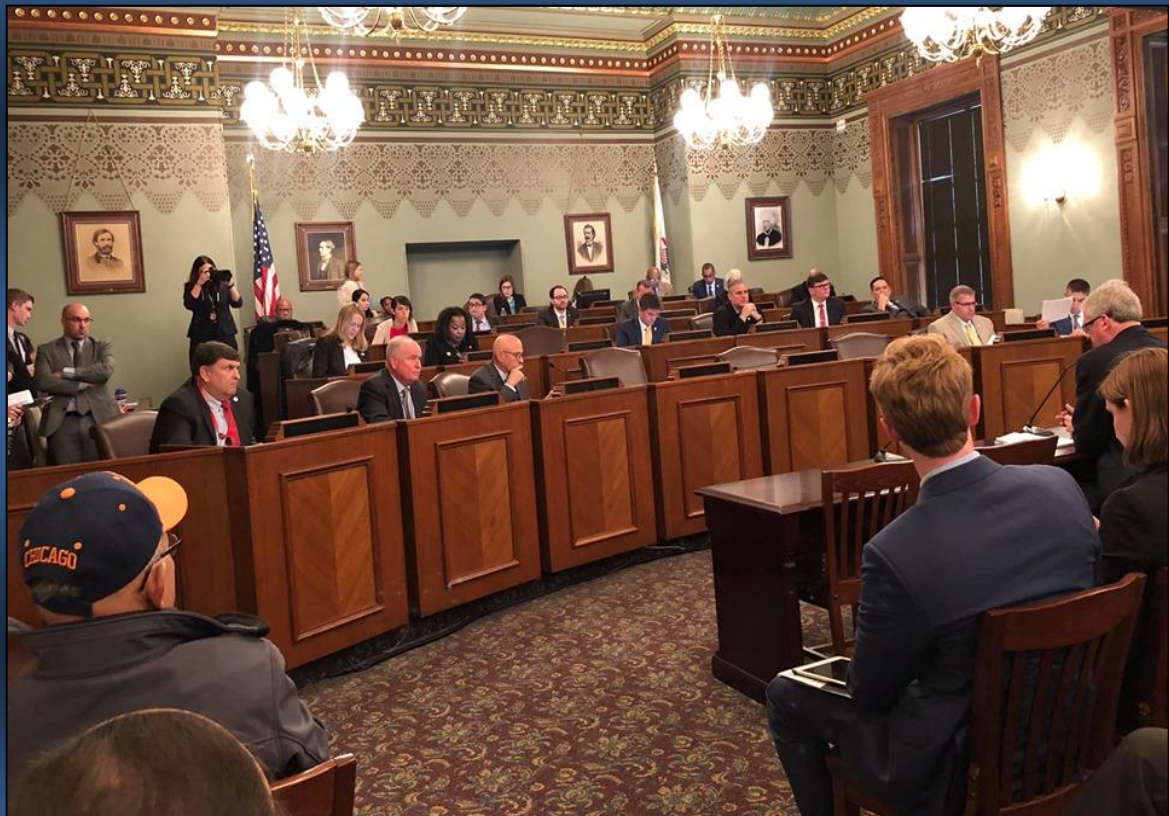


## LEFT:

I participated in my first Children's Health Caucus meeting where we discussed the impact of in-school health centers and the larger issue of ensuring they are properly staffed.

## RIGHT:

My first time as a member on the Energy & Environment Committee where I supported House Bill 3888. This bill would place strict rules on the use of EtO in Illinois.





### Fair Contract Now!

For two weeks, I stood in solidarity with our teachers. CPS teachers, staff, and students deserve to work and learn in fully-staffed schools with the resources they need to be successful.

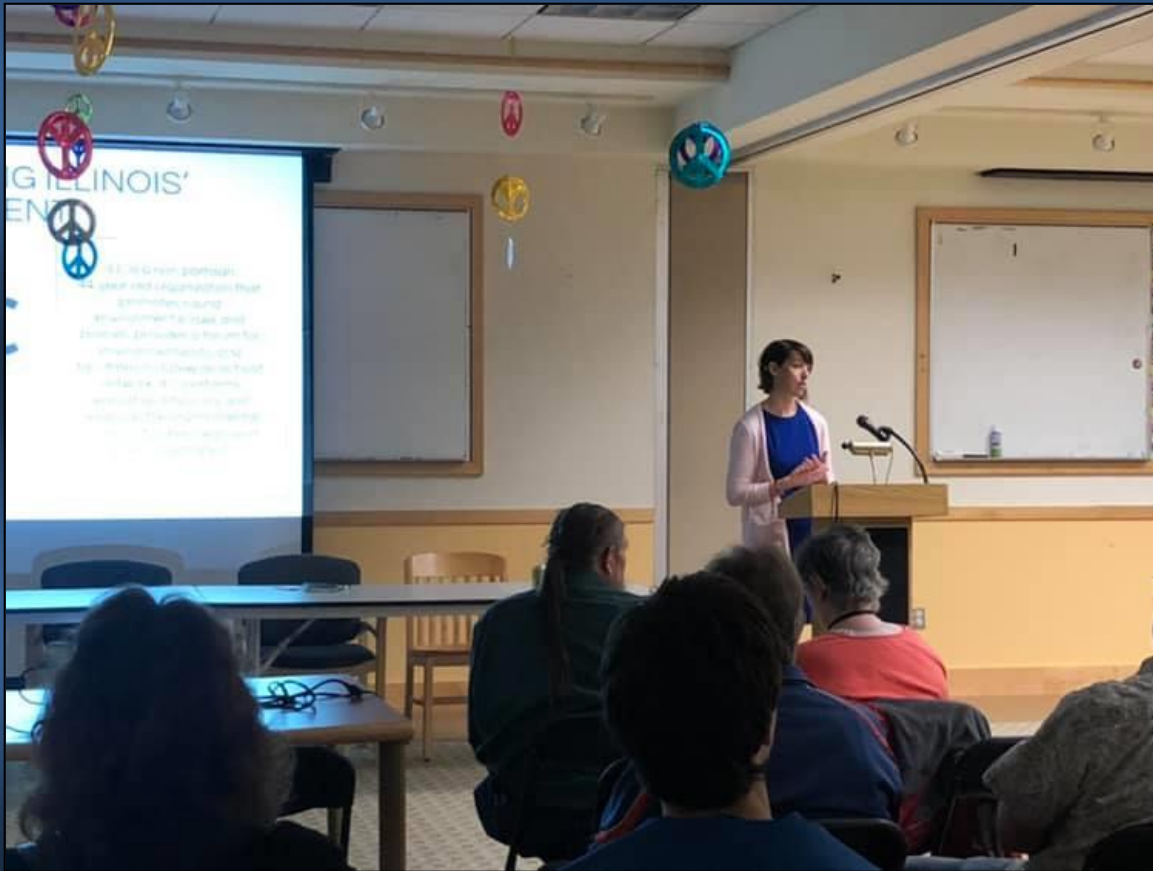


## Meetings, Meetings, and More Meetings!



Jessica and I have been all over our community talking directly with constituents and meeting with local activists on Illinois' most pressing issues.





**Back home**, Sen. Rob Martwick and I partnered with the Illinois Environmental Council (IEC) to host a community town hall on the Clean energy Jobs Act. Advocacy for this bill has been growing since this bill was introduced this year.

*Did you know that among the goals of CEJA, introduced as House Bill 3624, one is to increase the state's renewable energy targets to run entirely on renewable resources by 2050!*





### *Top Left:*

I met with advocates from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless to discuss supporting our most vulnerable individuals, children and families. I was surprised to learn that relative to 10 other major cities, Chicago comes in ninth place for the amount spent on supportive services for our homeless.

### *Bottom Left:*

When I go door to door and ask residents what matters to them, again and again I hear-property taxes. Recently, Rep. Will Guzzardi, I, and Cook County Assessor, Fritz Kaegi, shared with concerned business owners and residents how we're working to lessen the burden on taxpayers in our community in the short and long term. Legislation proposed by the Cook County Assessor would help alleviate the burdens that property taxes place on middle-class families by creating a pathway for more accurate assessments and property tax bills.



*Top Right:*

I had the privilege of participating in the Multi-Chamber Legislative Breakfast in Edison Park with local chambers of the far NW side of Chicago and business leaders.

*Bottom Right:*

Stopped by Hitch to support our teachers, staff, and students there!



## Important Legislation!



CEJA is a comprehensive energy package that includes strong worker protections and career training programs, promotes energy efficiency savings, expands construction of wind and solar power generation, and implement electricity market reforms that protect Illinois consumers.

- **Senate Bill 1786** - The License to Work Act, which would eliminate existing law that suspends driver's licenses for unpaid parking tickets.



- **House Bill 2766** –Establishes a mental health peer support program for first responders focusing on wellness and suicide prevention.
- **Senate Bill 1970** – Allows students two hours on Election Day to go participate in our democracy and vote!
- **House Bill 3888** – Places major restrictions on the use of ethylene oxide in communities (EtO), which has been linked to causing cancer.
- **Senate Bill 667** - A new proposal seeking to cap patients' insulin payments at \$100 a month.

I've sponsored over 50 bills which can be [here](#).

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I look forward to building a better and stronger Illinois for its middle-class families. In our last session in Springfield, significant and progressive reforms were passed including a \$15 an hour minimum wage, making women's reproductive rights fundamental rights in Illinois, a capital bill that will repair crumbling roads and bridges, cannabis legalization, and a Fair Tax amendment that would **provide tax relief for 99.4% of taxpayers in our community**.

Whenever you have thoughts about how my work in Springfield can best serve our families, please contact me at [RepLaPointe@Gmail.com](mailto:RepLaPointe@Gmail.com) or call me at 773-647-1174.

Sincerely,  
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State Representative, 19th District

*~ Hearing directly from you will help me carry our message to Springfield ~*



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