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## **Rep. Feigenholtz Completes Harvard Summer Program**

**CHICAGO** – State Representative Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) recently completed a Senior Executives in Local and State Government program at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government

The Senior Executives in Local and State Government program is a selective three-week intensive course designed for government officials and senior executives from private sector, not-for-profit organizations, and non-governmental entities from across the world. It is one of many executive continuing education and lifelong learning programs offered by the Kennedy School of Government.

“Illinois is facing unprecedented challenges and unparalleled public distrust,” said Feigenholtz. “I made a personal decision to attend this incredible program because I felt that it is time for our state’s decision makers to explore new ways to reinvent ourselves as leaders to better represent the people. This program provided the opportunity to collaborate with stakeholders from all different backgrounds to challenge myself to look at difficult problems from a fresh perspective and with new frameworks for solving them.”

Covering topics such as leadership, negotiations, public/private partnerships, cooperative governance, behavioral decision making and microeconomics, the program uses real-life scenarios and problem-solving methods to push participants to challenge conventional leadership techniques. With an emphasis on partnerships and collaborative governance, participants are encouraged to work together on these tough problem-solving challenges. Feigenholtz exchanged ideas and strategies extensively with her colleagues and faculty both in and out of the classroom.

“To say that this program was a life-changing experience is an understatement,” Feigenholtz said. “I am still processing the things I learned and I imagine that it will take some time for me to fully digest the past three weeks. I can say that I am more energized, motivated and reinvigorated than ever to return to Springfield and tackle the monumental tasks at hand. I feel an obligation to use these skills I have learned in order to benefit my constituents and the citizens of Illinois.”

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