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## Feigenholtz to Host Coffee Shop Listening Sessions

State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) continues her listening tour of the 12<sup>th</sup> district in August with two "Coffee and Conversation" listening sessions. Feigenholtz will host events on Wednesday, August 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Starbucks located at 210 West North Avenue in Old Town and on Monday, August 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Starbucks located at 617 West Diversey Avenue in Lincoln Park.

Over the past few months, dozens of constituents have attended Feigenholtz's listening sessions to propose new state laws, suggest budget cuts and money-saving initiatives, and discuss issues ranging from pension reform to gun control.

"These coffee meet-ups have been a great opportunity to be with constituents and bring Springfield to their neighborhood," said Feigenholtz. "I am constantly learning more about the concerns of residents and specific state issues that need to be addressed and am thrilled that so many residents are attending to

learn more about state government and have a voice in the legislative process."

Feigenholtz and staff will also help residents fill out forms to describe their budget cutting proposals to be evaluated by the legislature. To help encourage creative thinking on reducing spending the State Government Suggestion Award Board will grant a monetary award to an individual who proposes a new cut that is legal, becomes law and results in actual savings.

"The legislature will not meet again until October, but there are still serious issues that should continue to be discussed in our communities," Feigenholtz said. "Summer is a great opportunity to talk with residents about the state budget and other issues that constituents care about, such as education and ways to improve the state's business environment. I want to have a productive summer and

return to Springfield energized with creative new ideas; gathering this feedback from residents is a huge part of it."

For more information on these upcoming events, please contact representative Feigenholtz's constituent services office at 773-296-4141 or