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Crespo Promotes Energy Star Program

Streamwood, IL – State Representative Fred Crespo (D-Hoffman Estates) is urging local businesses, retailers, and constituents to take advantage of federal funding available for purchasing more energy efficient appliances. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCOE) will be running a \$12 million instant rebate program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to promote energy efficiency.

“This rebate program will help the local economy in a number of ways,” Crespo said. “First, it will allow retailers to sell more products by making their appliances more affordable and available to their customers. Secondly, this rebate program will pump sales tax dollars into municipal coffers, helping villages make ends meet during a time when their budgets are strained. Finally, customers and businesses that purchase more energy-efficient appliances will save money upfront through the initial rebate as well as in the long run through utility costs.

Beginning in January, rebates of 25 percent will be available on purchases of Energy Star-qualified hot water heaters. From April 16 to 25, consumers can also receive rebates of 15 percent on purchase of Energy Star-qualified dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioning units, and washers. Finally, customers will also be eligible for an additional \$50 to \$100 mail-in rebate from the state if they can show proof that their old appliance was recycled. Appliance retailers can enroll in the program at www.helpgreenillinois.org or by calling the Illinois Retail Merchants Association (IRMA) at 312-726-4600.

“This is an excellent opportunity for local consumers, retailers, and other businesses to save money and become more energy efficient,” Crespo said. “This program will have a positive impact not only on the local economy, but also on the environment. I will be contacting local chambers of commerce and retailers to promote participation in this program.

Crespo represents the 44th District, which covers all, or parts of, Streamwood, Hoffman Estates, Hanover Park, Schaumburg, Elgin, and Bartlett. For more information, please contact Rep. Crespo’s constituent service office in Streamwood at 630-372-3340.

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