

State Representative Karina Villa

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Scams and Fraud Associated with COVID-19

My thanks to the people of the 49th District as we continue to address the coronavirus crisis. It is inevitable that fraudulent schemes and scams appear to prey on the unsuspecting and vulnerable.

Today's newsletter is our effort to make you as safe as possible in the upcoming months. After all, knowing is half the battle.

As always my office staff and I are here to help you, if you have any questions please contact us at 630-326-9319 or by email at StateRepKarinaVilla@gmail.com.

BE AWARE Alert Informed

to fight COVID-19 fraud & scams

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Price gouging is an ever present issue and you may report suspected price gouging with the [Illinois Attorney General's Office](#).

With the receipt and anticipated receipt of federal stimulus checks, scam artists are actively seeking to get hold of your economic impact payments. The [IRS](#) has provided a great deal of information for you.

The scams might come in the form of calls or emails related to Medicare, the CDC or other government entities. These scammers may make false promises of access to face masks, free coronavirus prevention kits, vaccines or other false means of avoiding/warding off COVID-19 which the FCC has compiled a listing of [here](#). This may also include pest treatment (i.e. mosquito or rodent), air duct cleaning, etc. Beware of individuals or organizations contacting you requesting your social security number or a credit card number.



Don't let your concern about your health or the health of your family make you fall victim to these scammers. And if you are a victim, don't be afraid to let authorities know. You may save someone else. You may contact the [US Justice Department](#) if you, or someone close to you, is the victim of fraud.

As a reminder, my staff and I are readily available to you by phone at 630-326-9319 (English) or 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or by email at StateRepKarinaVilla@gmail.com.