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State Representative Stephanie Kifowit, Candidate for Illinois Comptroller, Condemns Trump Administration's Freeze of Child Care and Social Services Funding

Aurora, IL - State Representative Stephanie Kifowit, candidate for Illinois State Comptroller and the only candidate in the race with real-world budget, fiduciary, and crisis-management experience, issued the following statement in response to the Trump Administration's decision to freeze approximately \$1 billion in federal child care and social services funding for Illinois

The funding freeze threatens core programs that millions of Illinois residents depend on to stay employed, housed, and healthy, including the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and the Social Services Block Grant.

As a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, former registered financial advisor, and State Representative with more than a decade of hands-on budget experience, Kifowit emphasized that accountability MUST be precise, lawful, and rooted in competence; not blunt-force politics.

Kifowit pointed to her unique experience fighting through Illinois' most dire fiscal crisis; the two-and-a-half-year budget impasse under former Governor Bruce Rauner; as evidence that she understands exactly what happens when funding is weaponized and Illinoisans are silenced.

She warned that sweeping funding freezes don't create accountability; they break trust, shut down services, and leave communities paying the price long after politicians have moved on

Kifowit concluded by underscoring the essential role of the Comptroller as Illinois' independent fiscal guardian; responsible not only for protecting taxpayer dollars, but for ensuring the state meets its obligations to the people it serves.

About Representative Stephanie Kifowit

Stephanie Kifowit earned her Master's degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University and went on to serve our country as a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. She's a former registered financial advisor and spent nearly ten years on the Aurora City Council, where she worked directly with neighbors to solve real, everyday problems.

Today, Stephanie serves as a State Representative with more than 12 years of hands-on experience working on Illinois' budget—including during the state's toughest fiscal moment, the historic budget impasse. Raised in a working-class family, she understands what it means to stretch a paycheck and plan

for the long haul. That's why she's built a reputation as a practical, no-nonsense fiscal manager and a strong advocate for workers, veterans, and taxpayers.

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