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ILLINOIS REFORM COMMISSION TO MEET IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS TO TACKLE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

CHICAGO (February 20, 2009) – The Illinois Reform Commission (IRC) will hold its next meeting in Springfield, Illinois on Monday, February 23, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting, the first of two on the topic of campaign finance reform, will take place at the University of Illinois Springfield, One University Plaza, in Conference Room C/D on the First Floor of the Public Affairs Center.

"Any serious reform effort must take a hard look at Illinois' campaign finance structure," said IRC chairman, Patrick Collins. "We accept the challenge to address this key topic at this critical moment in our state's history."

At this initial meeting, the Commission will hear testimony regarding Illinois' current system, problems associated with political fundraising in the State, and potential structural reforms, including reforms that have been employed in other states. At the Commission's second campaign finance meeting on March 5th, the Commission will explore in more detail some of the prospective structural reforms that are being proposed for Illinois.

The following individuals are among those expected to address the Commission during the February 23rd meeting:

- Cynthia Canary, Director, Illinois Campaign for Political Reform
- Kent Redfield, Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois at Springfield
- Judge Albert Porter, Chairman, Illinois State Board of Elections
- Bryan A. Schneider, Vice-Chair, Illinois State Board of Elections
- Michael Malbin, Executive Director, Campaign Finance Institute
- Bradley Smith, Chairman, Co-Founder and Senior Advisor, Center for Competitive Politics

Members of the public and media are invited to attend.

For more information about the Commission and the topic of Campaign Finance, please visit <http://www.reformillinoisnow.org/meetings.php>

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