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IPHCA Congratulates New Speaker of the Illinois House State Rep. Emanuel “Chris” Welch

SPRINGFIELD -- As reaction rolls in from around the state, one prominent health care organization believes new Illinois House Speaker Chris Welch will make quality, affordable care for all a top priority.

"The Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) congratulates Representative Emanuel "Chris" Welch on his historic election as Speaker of the Illinois House," said Cyrus Winnett, Interim President + CEO. "This transition in leadership makes Speaker Welch the first member of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus to hold the position, marking a new era for the Statehouse. IPHCA looks forward to working with Speaker Welch to further our mission of ensuring that high-quality, affordable health care is available to every resident of our state, regardless of their insurance status, ability to pay, or zip code."

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ABOUT IL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

IPHCA is a health care trade association representing Illinois' 51 community health centers that collectively serve more than 1.4 million patients at 390 sites statewide. Community health centers provide accessible, comprehensive and integrated services and are known for providing high quality outcomes while substantially reducing health care expenditures, saving the state of Illinois nearly \$2 billion on an annual basis according to an independent economic analysis.

