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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL CONGRATULATES ILLINOIS HOUSE SPEAKER EMANUEL "CHRIS" WELCH**

**Chicago** — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today issued the following statement to congratulate Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch on his election as the 70th speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives.

"Today is a historic day, as Rep. Chris Welch was elected to serve as the 70th speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. Speaker Welch has been a dedicated advocate for his constituents, and I know Speaker Welch will continue to serve the people of Illinois with diligence.

"Members of the Illinois House of Representatives have passed the baton to a new generation of leadership, and I look forward to our work together to enact policies and reforms that protect and benefit all Illinois residents."