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State Senator Andy Manar To Continue Being Strong Voice for Central Illinois

Focused on job creation, stabilizing our state's finances and creating a fair school funding formula

BUNKER HILL – Today, State Senator Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill) announced that he will continue serving Central Illinois families as State Senator for the 48th District. Manar, who publicly explored the possibility of running for Governor, has recently been focused on overhauling the state's school funding system and reaching a resolution to the budget impasse.

Senator Manar issues the following statement:

“Our state and our nation today face generational challenges. Illinois continues to operate without a budget, our economy continues to lag behind our neighboring states and the nation as a whole, and our schools continue to shortchange children in nearly all but the most well-off suburban Chicago districts.

“Our governor, two years into his term, has failed to grow into the leadership role we so desperately need, instead choosing to use his ample wealth and the position in which the people entrusted him to put partisan politics in their most foolish, destructive forms ahead of substantive negotiation and competent reforms.

“The legislature, to be sure, is not blameless. But absent even a hint of leadership from the governor, there is little direction, and even less progress.

“For the last several months, many have asked if I planned to challenge Governor Rauner.

“I will not be a candidate for governor in 2018.

“As a husband, a father of three young children, and as the State Senator of the 48th District, a long, expensive campaign for governor would be unfair, both to my family, and to the people who have elected me to help create jobs, get our state's finances under control, and create a fair school funding formula, an issue for which I have a great deal of passion.

“I will continue to be a strong voice for the citizens of Central Illinois. The families I represent, and working families throughout the state bear no responsibility in the dysfunction of Springfield. And yet they bear nearly all of the burdens of a government that refuses to get its act together. It's unjust. And it's not who we are as Illinoisans or as Americans.

“I won't stop fighting for you. And despite the seemingly impossible situation we find ourselves in, I truly believe in our people, and I believe we can make strengthen all of our schools, create broad economic opportunity, and restore the lost pride in this great state.

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