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## *News Release*

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### **Representative Karen A. Yarbrough to work with other Midwestern leaders on regional economic development issues**

LOMBARD, IL — State Representative Karen A. Yarbrough has been appointed to a regional committee of legislators that will examine key issues related to economic development and workforce development while pursuing opportunities for interstate cooperation, policy-making and information sharing.

As a member of the bipartisan Midwestern Legislative Conference Economic Development, Workforce Development & Labor Committee, Representative Yarbrough will be working with leaders from 11 states and three Canadian provinces.

In the past, the committee has focused on issues such as creating better linkages between education and workforce development, the role of technology in economic development, and strategies for encouraging venture capital and entrepreneurship. The committee will continue to address a variety of issues that impact the economies of individual states within the Midwestern region and the economic health of the region as a whole.

Each state and province in the region can appoint as many as six legislators to serve on this MLC committee. Lawmakers from the following states are members of the MLC: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. In addition, members of the legislative assemblies in three Canadian provinces — Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan — are MLC affiliates.

The Midwestern Office of The Council of State Governments provides staff support to the MLC and its policy committees.

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The national organization is headquartered in Lexington, Ky., and has regional offices in Lombard (Chicago), Ill., Atlanta, New York and Sacramento.

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