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## **Lawmaker and Hip Hop Legend Join Together to Urge Chicago to Stop the Violence**

CHICAGO – State Representative John Fritchey (D-Chicago), joined by Grammy-nominated hip hop artist, philosopher and activist KRS One, today discussed the urgent need to stop the violence against school children in Chicago. With the number of Chicago Public School student murders having increased to 23 so far this school year, the two men stated that greater awareness, education and community involvement are immediately needed.

“I am proud to work with KRS One, a man with a 20-year track record of working to stop the violence that has led to student deaths becoming tragically routine,” said Representative Fritchey. “Instead of spending so much time debating where to put a new children’s museum, we should be figuring out how to get our kids to and from school without getting killed. Being a student should not be a life or death proposition.”

KRS One formed the Stop the Violence Movement, a non-profit organization deeply rooted in the hip hop community, with a mission to advance an ongoing series of movements to diminish global violence through education, critical dialogue, grassroots organizing and direct action.

During his three-day stop in Chicago, he will be lecturing at Crane High School and Stagg Elementary School, holding a town hall meeting, and attending other events to talk about ways to change the culture of violence that is taking the lives of our students.

“In the midst of mass turmoil, we cannot afford to stand still,” said KRS One. “We must use our influence to raise awareness, heal and move toward truth and solutions. Apathy is no longer an option. We must stop the violence.”

Rep. Fritchey echoed the sentiments, stating “This is not a south side issue; this is not a west side issue; this is an issue about too many children in our city killing each other. People of every color, from every part of Chicago, need to come together and say enough.”

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