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ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN FILES MOTION TO INTERVENE IN GOV. RAUNER'S FEDERAL 'FAIR SHARE' FEE LAWSUIT

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today filed a motion to intervene in Governor Bruce Rauner's federal lawsuit that challenges the constitutionality of "fair share" fees as allowed under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Madigan issued the following statement outlining her role in this litigation:

"Last month, Governor Rauner issued an Executive Order seeking to stop the payment of 'fair share' fees used to support non-political union activities such as contract administration and collective bargaining. On the same day, he also sued over two dozen unions in federal court in anticipation of a legal challenge to his Executive Order in state court.

Last week, the unions filed suit in state court seeking to prohibit Governor Rauner from implementing his Executive Order and breaching their contracts and to restore the 'fair share' fee payments.

Today, I filed a motion to intervene in the federal lawsuit to defend the constitutionality of Illinois' law. Along with the motion to intervene, I have submitted a motion to dismiss the case, arguing that the Governor does not have the legal authority to sue to challenge the law in federal court.

As Attorney General, it is my job to represent the state and defend our laws when their constitutionality is challenged in court. Because the Governor's case questions the validity of the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, I moved to intervene to provide the court with arguments regarding the law's constitutionality."

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