

# MUSLIM **ACTION!**DAY

Springfield, IL 2009

The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago is organizing a statewide **ACTION!** day for the Illinois' Muslim community. On Thursday, May 21, 2009 Muslims from all over Illinois will drive down to the state capitol to meet with Governor Quinn and with legislators and advocate for variety of important issues.

Active participation in the political process goes beyond elections and includes public policy debates at all levels of government. That is what "citizen advocacy" is all about!

It is a core right protected by the U.S. Constitution. The Muslim **ACTION!** Day (May 21, 2009) in Springfield, Illinois is a chance to teach our children about civic engagement and it's a chance for all of us to speak up for change that benefits Muslims and the also for change that benefits the broader communities in which we live.

**Event:** Muslim **ACTION!** Day in Springfield, Illinois

**When:** Thursday, May 21, 2009

**Time:** 7:00am to 4:00pm (Busses leave mosques at 7:00 am sharp!)

**Issues:**

1. Introduce Arabic Language Instruction in Illinois' Public Schools!
2. Push for Public Education Funding Reform – All Kids Deserve A Good Education
3. Opposing Online Gambling in Illinois
4. Advocate the reduction of greenhouse emission in Illinois and investment in Green technology.

**Who:** Everyone is welcome to join in this important advocacy work! We especially encourage 8th graders, high school students and college students to come out and experience citizen advocacy first hand!

**Travel:** Buses will be arranged for pre-registered participants so please contact the Council for your registration form (advocacy@ciogc.org)

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