

Illinois Lawmaker, Husband Indicted Over An Alleged Kick-Back Scheme



Illinois state Rep. Carol Ammons speaks with reporters

An Illinois state representative faces multiple counts of wire fraud and providing a false statement, according to a federal indictment released Tuesday night.

State Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana, was charged with eight counts of wire fraud surrounding an alleged kickback scheme involving campaign contributions. She was also charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Her husband, Aaron Ammons, the Champaign County clerk of courts, also faces charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice and obstruction of evidence.

Neither Carol nor Aaron Ammons responded to The Center Square's request for comment.

The indictment alleges Carol Ammons benefitted financially from her role as a state lawmaker through direct involvement in increasing appropriated state tax funds granted to nonprofit organizations in her district, of which

her daughter, Titianna Ammons, was employed.

"It was a purpose and objective of the scheme that Ammons enriched herself by converting contributions and donations to her campaign for her personal use," the indictment alleges. "It was also a purpose and objective of the scheme that Ammons assisted local organizations in obtaining state grants that would benefit her and her daughter financially in violation of Illinois conflict of interest rules."

The indictment also reads that both the Carol and Aaron Ammons made false claims of not knowing there was a conflict of interest with one organization using a state grant to pay her daughter.

The pair also allegedly advised a potential witness to communicate with them through code words about ongoing FBI investigations into their conduct.

Arron Ammons was alleged to have engaged in conduct toward another person to mislead them and hinder their communication with law enforcement by knowingly directing the potential witness to "muddy the waters" when speaking to the FBI, according to the indictment.

Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch said in a statement that Carol Ammons is temporarily removed from all House Democratic Caucus meetings, from all House committees and from accessing Speaker's Office staff and resources.

Welch is also having is staff review the budget to determine whether any funds need to be paused or reconsidered.

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Illinois: Quick Hits

Chicago breaks ground on \$4.7M torture memorial
Mayor Brandon Johnson and other Chicago officials have broken ground on a \$4.7 million memorial to honor survivors of police torture.

The Chicago Torture Justice Memorial on the city's South Side recognizes survivors of torture committed by former police commander Jon Burge and detectives under his command.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held on Wednesday morning.

Small Biz Legislative Voting Scores Announced
The National Federation of Independent Business has released its 2025-2026 small business legislative voting record for Illinois.

Five state senators and 23 state representatives scored a 100% pro-small business record during the 2025-2026 session.

State Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Lake Forest, was the only Illinois lawmaker to receive a score of 0%.

The NFIB said the record includes key votes on issues important to small businesses but does not factor in committee votes or behind-the-scenes legislative support.

Il Us Rep Proposes Reducing Degree Requirements For Federal Jobs
Illinois U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi has joined Congressman Ryan Mackenzie, R-PA, and Congresswoman Janelle Bynum, D-OR, to introduce legislation that would reduce bachelor's degree requirements for some federal jobs.

The bipartisan Federal Jobs for STARs Act allows Skilled Thorough Alternative Routes workers to compete for federal positions based on their skills and experience.

Krishnamoorthi, D-Schaumburg, said qualified Americans should not be denied a fair opportunity to compete simply because they don't have a bachelor's degree.

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