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**NEWS RELEASE**

*Kaider v. Julie Hamos, Michelle R.B. Saddler, Dan Rutherford, Judy Baar Topinka  
(Taxpayer lawsuit to bar Illinois from providing Welfare to Illegal Immigrants)*

Foster PC, on behalf of Illinois taxpayer Donald Kaider, filed a lawsuit against the Director of the Illinois Department of Health and Family Services Julie Hamos, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services Michelle Saddler, the Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford and the Illinois State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka seeking an injunction against these state officers and officials, preventing them from spending and disbursing state funds to pay for certain medical services to unauthorized aliens (illegal immigrants).

Kaider alleges that the defendants violate 8 U.S.C. § 1621(a), a federal law prohibiting states from providing “public benefits” to most immigrants (and all illegal immigrants), by disbursing state funds to noncitizens through the “All-Kids” and “Mom’s & Babies” programs. These two state welfare programs provide free or heavily subsidized health benefits and/or insurance to recipients without proof of citizenship or authorized alienage status. The applications for both of these programs do not require a valid social security number.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, the Circuit Court of Cook County (Martin, J.), was to hear Mr. Kaider’s Petition for Leave to File the Complaint. The Attorney General’s office filed a last-minute response in opposition to our motion at 9:45 AM on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Judge Martin ourt then summarily dismissed Mr. Kaider’s case without even considering any arguments Kaider could have raised in response to the Attorney General.

Foster PC has filed a Notice of Appeal of Judge Martin’s decision.

Mr. Kaider and Foster PC take the preservation of limited state resources very seriously and are appealing Judge Martin’s dismissal. We believe that illegal aliens enrolled in these programs cost Illinois taxpayers millions of dollars each year and entice illegal immigrants to settle here. At a time when our state is in financial debt, when Illinois citizens cannot afford decent health benefits for their families, and our government recently raised the state income tax by 66%, we cannot afford to spend money illegally.