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Health care advocate, Caroline McAteer-Fournier, announces run for Illinois State Senate District 8, challenging Sen. Ira Silverstein

Chicago - Today, Caroline McAteer-Fournier announced that she would seek the democratic nomination for State Senate District 8 after allegations of sexual harassment against Sen. Ira Silverstein have emerged.

“As the mother of a daughter, I will lead by example. We need to create a culture in Springfield that empowers women, not one that turns a blind eye to sexual harassment,” said McAteer-Fournier.

Caroline continued, “Changing the culture in government won’t happen as long as women are standing outside of government. This isn’t about a seat at the table - when more strong women run for office the more opportunity we will have to run that table.”

In the state senate, Caroline will continue to fight for families who need access to quality, affordable health care and members of her community who are denied access to the middle class.

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Caroline is a current member and former president of the board of the Danny Did Foundation where she advocates for creating awareness of epilepsy and helping families have access to seizure detection devices which are not currently covered by insurance. As President of the Board, she also advocated for the legalization of medical cannabis to include patients with epilepsy and allow children suffering from seizures to have access to the medical cannabis oil which can provide life-changing results when all other medications have failed. Caroline served four years on the board of Personal PAC, fighting for women’s access to reproductive health care and she is a member of the Sauganash Elementary Local School Council where her daughter attends school. Caroline was appointed in 2013 to serve on the board of the State of

Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan and she is a 2014 graduate of the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership (IWIL).

In her work, Caroline manages employer relations and partnerships for DePaul University's Career Center. Caroline partners closely with Chicago area businesses and nonprofit organizations that are interested in hiring DePaul students and alumni. She also presents workshops to area employers on internship best practices and the value of paying interns.

Caroline and her husband, Brandon, have an 8 year-old daughter who is a 3rd grader at a Chicago Public School. They live in Sauganash Park.