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REALTOR® Nationwide Open House Weekend

Glen Carbon, IL — On April 10 and 11, Illinois REALTORS® will join real estate professionals across the nation to celebrate REALTOR® Nationwide Open House Weekend.

In conjunction with April's Fair Housing month, this event is focused on increasing consumer awareness of the benefits of homeownership and will draw attention to the many opportunities available in today's housing market.

The event will also enable sellers to showcase their homes for sale, and potential homebuyers will have the opportunity to shop for a home while interest rates are low, prices are affordable, and the tax credit is still available.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, buyers who wish to qualify for the tax credit must sign a contract to purchase a home on or before April 30, but they have until June 30 to close on the home. Income limitations apply, and the home purchased must be used as a primary residence and have a purchase price of \$800,000 or less.

According to reports from the Illinois Association of REALTORS®, home sales activity has surged in Illinois over the last five months. Open House Weekend is a great time to work with a REALTOR® to sell your home and find the new home you've been dreaming of.

The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® serves over 1,200 REALTOR® and affiliate members in the southwestern Illinois region. The Association strives to promote education, professionalism, and ethical conduct in the real estate industry, to continue to be an advocate for the protection of property rights, to assist in providing Americans with safe and affordable housing, and to further the interest of residential and other real estate property ownership.