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A Growing Coalition is Joining Friends of the Parks in Opposition to a New Chicago Bears Stadium on the Lakefront

Ensuring Chicago's Lakefront remains "forever open, clear and free" is not the responsibility of one group, but the work of many.

Since the Chicago Bears unveiled its proposal for a new football stadium on the lakefront, dozens of organizations representing the city's racial, economic, civic and geographic diversity have come together to announce their opposition. As Aaron Montgomery Ward said after spending millions of his own money to preserve our enviable lakefront, "I fought for the poor people of Chicago, not the millionaires," a coalition of Chicagoans are following in his footsteps and pushing back on the city's elite and powerful.

Friends of the Parks and a growing coalition of individuals and organizations are holding a news conference **Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 at 11 a.m., at the Tribute of Freedom & Water Wall, north side of Soldier Field**, to make known their concern for the Chicago Bears proposed new stadium plans.

"The people you see here also represent city leaders--the grassroot taxpayers who keep this city operating. That's who we're asking our elected officials to protect by ensuring Chicago's Lakefront remains "forever open, clear and free" for future generations," states Gin Kilgore, interim executive director of Friends of the Parks.

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