



**ILLINOIS
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INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL

**STRONGER BUSINESS
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Illinois Chamber of Commerce

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ILLINOIS IS THE INFRASTRUCTURE HEART OF NORTH AMERICA.

We're where highways, waterways, railroads, telecommunications, and other underground infrastructure meets.

We understand that the success of your business depends on this broad network of systems working flawlessly—and you're not alone.

Our members come from a multitude of industries, but they all believe that infrastructure investments today ensure they can successfully compete tomorrow.

We understand these complex infrastructure systems and the industries that rely on them advocating for policies and regulations that encourage infrastructure investment.

We don't wait to be asked our position, we actively seek out and engage with decisionmakers so they know our position.

We ensure that legislators and regulatory agencies do more than acknowledge the concerns of industry.

We work with legislators and agencies to develop meaningful and negotiated solutions that provide businesses the certainty they need to operate day by day.

MEMBER FIRST ENGAGEMENT

We ensure you are up to date with our actions and more importantly that we are up to date with your business and industry.

Our relationships with groups across the state allow you to focus on your business first. We meet face to face with state and local leaders, community groups, the press, and other stakeholders to discuss issues in person and provide relevant information.

\$16.4 BILLION

Illinois' combined annual safety, congestion, and vehicle ownership costs due to lack of transportation investment

\$34 BILLION

Investment needed in Illinois wastewater and drinking water

\$4.34 TRILLION

The value of freight moving in Illinois by 2045

The Chamber

was a leading voice in
Springfield for sustainable,
responsible infrastructure
investment and a major
participant in the legislative
working groups that drafted
the final capital package

We host small roundtables with members and agency leaders, arrange tours of member facilities with legislators, and hold regular meetings that feature speakers, panels, and general discussion on the issues that matter to you.

We also work with you on specific issues, providing a strong voice of support from the whole business community, not just your industry.

ADVOCACY

We are a resource for state and federal issues, actively lobbying in Springfield, IL, while engaging with allies across the country on federal issues.

In Springfield, legislators and state agencies look to us early on proposed legislation and policy changes due to our breadth of knowledge. Our proposals become law and when we testify on legislation, lawmakers and other advocacy groups take notice.

Nationally, Illinois' importance to the nation's infrastructure provides us opportunities to educate and inform members of Congress and federal agencies.

ADVISORY GROUPS

We are the recognized leader on infrastructure issues by government and business leaders alike, in Illinois and beyond our borders.

We serve on the Steering Committee of the Illinois State Freight Advisory Council and the planning committee for the Illinois Marine Transportation System Plan which ensures businesses are at the front of the table on discussions involving freight policy.

We also have served and serve on numerous advisory organizations and task forces, in individual counties, regionally, and across Illinois.



CLARK KAERICHER

Clark Kaericher serves as Vice President of Government Affairs; Executive Director Technology and Infrastructure. Clark comes to the Chamber from the Senate Republican staff where he worked as the Senate Floor Director and Legal Counsel, where he was responsible for analyzing and providing recommendations on thousands of pieces of legislation. Prior to that, he served as the Chief Administrative Officer at the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology (Dolt), where he led a newly unified enterprise of 1,500 employees spanning 50 agencies, boards, commissions, and other entities. He oversaw \$1 billion in annual spending and a complete digital transformation of state government. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University School of Law in 2010, and his Bachelor of Science from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business in 2007.

OTHER COUNCILS

THE EMPLOYMENT LAW COUNCIL effectively represents Illinois business on employment law topics such as workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, and other management/employee issues. It also pursues public policy actions that advance the interests and viewpoints of employers, and assists in creating a political climate conducive to improving Illinois' ability to create and retain jobs.

THE ENERGY COUNCIL encourages the development and availability of all kinds of energy and conservation measures in an environmentally-responsible and cost-effective way. Illinois needs policies that promote the continued expansion of energy production in the state, allow for development of energy resources, and the development of infrastructure to meet the state's and nation's increasing energy demands.

THE HEALTHCARE COUNCIL develops and takes actions to achieve affordable, accessible, efficient, and high-quality healthcare for the employers and residents of our state. The council represents employers in seeking market-based approaches to help them provide affordable, quality healthcare coverage for their employees, and works closely with providers to help strengthen Illinois' healthcare system.

THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL focuses on building strategic partnerships to maximize the resources of the Illinois Chamber's members to expand in foreign markets and foster trade and investment in Illinois. The International Business Council's outreach includes Illinois businesses and a global network of local and foreign chambers of commerce, along with state and federal agencies and high-level political and diplomatic circles.

THE TAX INSTITUTE is an operating division of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. The council's mission is to aggressively and pro-actively promote the interests of the Illinois business community by advocating pro-business tax policies at the federal, state, and local level that will enable Illinois businesses to grow and prosper.

THE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION COUNCIL seeks to aggressively and proactively promote the interests of the Illinois technology community by advocating for public policy that fosters innovation and promotes economic growth. The council seeks to promote workforce development policies, advocate for world-class technology infrastructure, avoid overregulation on the industry and support innovators access to the capital they need to grow.

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