

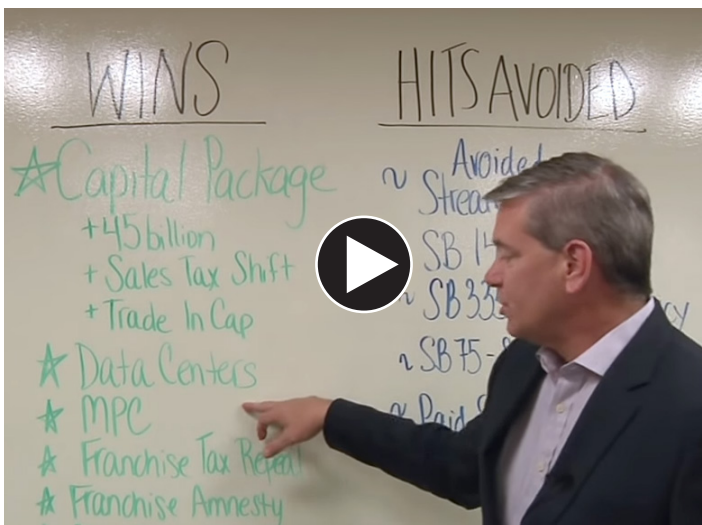
# ADVOCACY REPORT

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## END OF SESSION WRAP UP



Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch goes through the Chamber's HITS, AVOIDED HITS and WINS in an end of session wrap up Two Minute Drill on June 7.

[Watch full video here.](#)



## MAISCH TALKS A 'TALE OF TWO SESSIONS' ON CAPITOL CONNECTION

Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch was interviewed by WCIA's Capitol Bureau Chief Mark Maxwell on Capitol Connection on June 16. The two discussed business' major wins and losses for the state in the 2019 spring session.

[Watch the full interview here.](#)



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State Representative Mike Murphy

## MAISCH LEADS MORNING RADIO DISCUSSIONS

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[Link to broadcast here.](#)



State Representative Avery Bourne

## DATA CENTER INCENTIVE SIGNED INTO LAW

Governor Pritzker signed the bill containing the Chamber's data center incentive on June 28. Following the signing, Director of Legislative Affairs at the Chamber Tyler Diers published a video on the incentive program that will allow Illinois to be more competitive with neighboring states, while providing communities throughout Illinois a shot at the digital economy.

[Watch the full video here.](#)





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## CHAMBER'S REBECCA MASON JOINS GOV. PRITZKER FOR CAPITAL BILL SIGNING EVENT

Chamber Infrastructure Council Executive Director Rebecca Mason joined Governor Pritzker, Lt. Governor Julianna Stratton, IDOT Acting Secretary Omer Osman, Illinois legislators and representatives from labor to celebrate the signing of the Rebuild Illinois capital plan in Joliet. Mason addressed the group on the positive impact the legislation will have on the business community in Illinois.





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## QUARTERLY MEETING

The Chamber held their quarterly meeting at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle on June 20. Speakers included VP of Finance and CFO Morton Arboretum James Fawley (pictured at podium lower right) and Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin.



(Pictured) Dan Wagner, Illinois Chamber of Commerce Board Member and SVP Government Relations at The Inland Real Estate Group; Illinois Chamber of Commerce Chairperson of the Board and Vice President of Government and Community Relations for Advocate Aurora Health Meghan Woltman; Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin; President and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Todd Maisch

## LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT RECOGNIZED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Chamber shared and boosted images on facebook thanking legislators who voted for the transportation modernization program in Illinois for their votes to help improve our infrastructure, increase safety and provide jobs and economic opportunity throughout our state.



## CHAMBER CALLING FOR EDIE AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Chamber is now accepting nominations for the 11th Annual Economic Development in Illinois Awards sponsored by Nicor Gas for outstanding economic development projects completed in the calendar year of 2018 in Illinois. The nomination form and other information on the Edies (including past winners) can be found at the [Edies homepage here](#).



*“Hopefully this legislation will stop the bleeding and stop those companies from going to rural Iowa and instead go to rural Illinois,”*

—Tyler Diers on data center incentive

Chicago Tribune

*“It’s really kind of a tale of two sessions, and almost a tale of two governors over the last several months,”*

—Todd Maisch on 2019 spring session



*“We believe through constant dialogue, that this final package, the final bill, includes the strongest workplace protections in the nation,”*

—Whitney Barnes on recreational cannabis legislation



*“Overall, I think, it’s a good bill. And it was a demonstration where when the General Assembly sits down in a bipartisan way with business and industry, we can get things worked out.”*

—Jay Shattuck on sexual harassment legislation



*“The Rebuild Illinois package, along with the “Lockbox Amendment” approved by Illinois voters in 2016, will ensure our transportation funds will repair our aging infrastructure. Additionally, its pro-business reforms, especially the data center tax incentive, will spur private investment in Illinois businesses and our local economies,”*

—Rebecca Mason on infrastructure



# CHAMBER ADVOCACY



IN THE NEWS

Fighting for Business Every Month

In the month of June, we spoke to radio, television, and print media outlets, delivering pro-business values to audiences across Illinois. Below is a selection of stories where the Chamber has advocated its position on a variety of topics.

## ILLINOIS BUSINESS

- [Springfield's most momentous legislative session in decades](#) – Illinois Chamber mentioned
- [Editorial: Pritzker, Democrats deliver on big promises](#) – Todd Maisch quoted
- [Illinois bill allows lawsuits for occupational illnesses](#) – Illinois Chamber mentioned
- [Go back to Thompson to find closing legislative days like Pritzker's](#) – Illinois Chamber mentioned
- [Business scored a few in Springfield. Really.](#) – Todd Maisch quoted
- [http://cdn.stationcaster.com/stations/wfmb/media/mp3/IL\\_Chamber\\_of\\_Commerce\\_Pres\\_CEO\\_Todd\\_Maisch-1560545305.mp3](http://cdn.stationcaster.com/stations/wfmb/media/mp3/IL_Chamber_of_Commerce_Pres_CEO_Todd_Maisch-1560545305.mp3) – Todd Maisch interview
- [Chambers of commerce largely staying silent on marijuana sales](#) – Illinois Chamber mentioned (6/20/2019)
- [Illinois Becomes 11th State To Legalize Recreational Marijuana](#) – Todd Maisch quoted (6/27/19)
- [Businesses getting ready for legal marijuana in Illinois](#) – Whitney Barnes quoted (6/28/19)
- [Business groups see latest legislative session as a mixed bag](#) – Todd Maisch quoted (6/28/19)

## ILLINOIS TAX

- [Budget Done — Building And Gambling Plans To Go](#) – Todd Maisch quoted

## ILLINOIS TECHNOLOGY

- [Borek: Legislation helps county compete for data center development](#) – Illinois Chamber mentioned
- [Data center boosters hope new tax incentives 'stop the bleeding,' keep tech sites in Illinois](#) – Tyler Diers quoted
- [Illinois Offering Tax Incentives to Boost Chicago Data Center Market](#) – Illinois Chamber mentioned
- [Sweeping Data Center Tax Exemptions Passed In Illinois](#) – Tyler Diers quoted
- [Illinois implements sweeping data center tax breaks](#) – Tyler Diers quoted
- [Illinois Officials Set To Offer Tax Incentives For Data Centre Boost In Chicago](#) – Todd Maisch quoted
- [Springfield's gift to industrial developers: Big tax breaks for data centers](#) – Tyler Diers quoted
- [Incentives aimed at helping Illinois land data centers](#) – Tyler Diers quoted (6/24/19)
- [State antes up to snag data centers](#) – Tyler Diers quoted (6/27/19)
- [Our View: Data centers could spread statewide](#) – Illinois Chamber mentioned (6/27/19)

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- [Middle America's Low-Hanging Carbon: The Search for Greenhouse Gas Cuts From the Grid, Agriculture and Transportation](#) – Illinois Chamber mentioned

## ILLINOIS INFRASTRUCTURE

- [Gas Tax Hike, Higher Cigarette Tax and More Gambling To Cover \\$45 Billion Construction Plan](#) – Todd Maisch quoted

## ILLINOIS WORKFORCE

- [In response to #MeToo, state lawmakers approved sweeping legislation to fight sexual harassment in Illinois](#) – Jay Shattuck quoted
- [All Illinois Employers May Be Required To Do Sexual Harassment Training](#) – Jay Shattuck quoted
- [ILLINOIS STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 66: Skillicorn Guided by Morality on Cannabis Vote](#) – Illinois Chamber mentioned
- [Illinois Senate passes marijuana legalization bill](#) – Todd Maisch quoted

## ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE

- [Lawsuits for Occupational Illnesses Allowed Under Illinois Bill](#) – Todd Maisch quoted