



**Statement from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce
on the Passing of Governor Jim Edgar**

On behalf of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, I extend our deepest condolences to the family of Governor Jim Edgar.

Governor Edgar's legacy as a true statesman will forever be remembered in Illinois. He understood that real leadership is not about division but about dialogue, building bridges across party lines to address the most pressing challenges of our state. His tenure was marked by an ability to bring people together, fostering bipartisan collaboration and setting an example for how government, business, and community leaders can work hand in hand to create meaningful, lasting impact.

This week especially reminds us of the importance of speaking with one another and working with one another to find solutions. Governor Edgar embodied that spirit, leaving a model of servant leadership, humility, and civility that continues to guide us today.

We are profoundly grateful for his service to the State of Illinois and the example he set for future generations. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Brenda and all of his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

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