



WHO WE ARE

Since 1919, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce has operated as the state's leading business advocacy organization, representing member companies from across every region of Illinois. We are comprised of, and guided by, employers of every size, sector, and industry that call the Land of Lincoln home.

WHAT WE DO

Today, Illinois businesses benefit greatly from the State's tremendous assets: Illinois' place as a national transportation hub, a strong talent pipeline, a world-class higher education system, and a growing center of tech development and innovation. However, too often we hear from businesses about the rising costs of goods and services, lingering impacts of inflation, workforce shortages, and burdensome mandates.

CHAMBER'S 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- **HB 5080** (Canty)/**SB 3420** (Cervantes)
SUPPORT employers investing in their Illinois workforce by modernizing the State's employer-provided childcare tax credit and leveraging recently expanded federal tax changes that support additional childcare opportunities for Illinois workers.
- **HB 5195 & HB 5194** (Walsh)/**SB 3664 & SB 3665** (Belt)
SUPPORT a comprehensive and holistic approach to energy policy in Illinois that elevates the voices of industry by creating a first-of-its kind Illinois Future of Energy Affordability, Reliability, and Economic Impact Commission to navigate major energy challenges and tax policy changes which incentivize the retention of existing energy workforces that may be impacted by looming retirements under the State's long-term energy goals.
- **HB 4945** (Mason)/**SB 3492** (Preston)
SUPPORT innovative workforce guidance at the K-12 level that considers the needs of employers both today and in the future and prepares students for new and emerging technologies, such as AI and quantum, shaping the workforce of the future.
- **HB 5180** (Gill)/**SB 3768** (Villivalam)
SUPPORT comprehensive business licensing and permitting reform that embraces technology, transparency and quality customer service in the state's internal and interagency processes.
- **HB 5392** (Avelar)/**SB 3843** (Joyce)
SUPPORT common sense reforms to sales tax policy regimes that are unfairly impacting the innovation economy and creating instances of double-taxation.
- **HB 5128** (Ugaste)/**SB 3622** (Lewis)
SUPPORT reasonable modifications to the State's Paid Leave for All Workers Act that creates additional flexibility to key industries and small businesses.
- **HB 2838** (Ugaste)/**SB 3122** (Balkema)
SUPPORT continued efforts to reform the State's Biometric Information Protection Act (BIPA) law that continues to stifle innovation, creates overly burdensome regulations on certain industries, and has led to growing litigation exposure.

OTHER EFFORTS SUPPORTED BY THE CHAMBER

- **SUPPORT** efforts to create business-friendly employment law reforms across several statutes, such as the business coalition-led effort Third Party Litigation Financing Transparency Act, **HB 5244** (Ugaste), and provide additional solutions to creating employer protections in areas of workers compensation and unemployment insurance.
- **SUPPORT** and amplify the voices of industry in the property and casualty insurance space that raise awareness of the true drivers of costs and State-mandated impacts to rising costs that are being absorbed by industry and impacting customers.
- **SUPPORT** economic development tools that grow Illinois, including extending the R&D tax credit, modernizing the EDGE tax credit, and supporting new, growing industries—promoting economic opportunity and access.
- **SUPPORT** efforts shared by the business community to promote fiscal responsibility and sustainable solutions to long-term fiscal problems, such as prioritizing necessary Tier 2 fixes to the SS wage base without creating new liabilities that erode Tier 2.
- **SUPPORT** the Innovation Economy and necessary digital infrastructure investments to maintain Illinois' place as a national leader for tech development and deployment.

KEY ITEMS OF CONCERN

While the Illinois Chamber's proactive agenda above advanced pro-growth policies in Springfield, we urge the General Assembly NOT to take action on proposals that may risk hurting the State's business climate and, thereby, make Illinois less competitive in the near-daily national competition for new investment and job creation, including:

- Professional service taxes or expansion of the State Sales Taxes to services.
- Overly broad and far-reaching data privacy laws.
- Passage of blanket product bans or severe restriction of essential products.
- Overreaching, burdensome limitations on technology tools, such as the so-called "junk fees" ban and more.
- Enaction of anti-competitive initiatives on healthcare, such as PDAB.
- Unfair property tax changes that will raise commercial property assessments.
- Elimination of the Tipped Credit that is harmful to workers and small employers alike.
- Anti-growth changes to the Income Tax Act or flawed revenue proposals that seek to unfairly tax job-creators.
- Further action to implement the Interchange Fee Prohibition Act.
- Anti-competitive regulations that may create liability issues and higher costs, such as imposing misguided right to repair laws

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