

97. BUSINESS CLIMATE IN ILLINOIS

We support:

1. Moderating the increasing cost of unemployment compensation.
2. Reducing costs involved in providing Worker's Compensation benefits.
3. Repealing the prevailing wage laws relating to public works projects. Failing to repeal, we will support legislation reducing the burden of the prevailing wage on public bodies outside of major metropolitan areas.
4. Bringing Illinois' minimum wage law in line with federal minimum wage law.
5. Working directly with Illinois' regulatory agencies to improve their efficiency in issuing the permits for business, economic, and natural resource development projects.
6. Ongoing analyses using state and federal statistics and support reporting of the economic performance of natural-resource-based and mineral-based economies across Illinois' counties.

We oppose:

1. The creation of a state or local tax on any financial transaction, including a tax on any commodity, currency, or securities.
2. Efforts to incorporate into law the doctrine of "comparable worth" as it relates to compensation levels for various types of jobs.