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Vision

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce will be the preferred provider of watch-dog, education and advocacy services that form a mission-critical catalyst for business success.

Mission

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven organization, dedicated to a strong, private sector regional economy.

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Annual Ed/Glen Chamber Golf Challenge: July 28 – Sponsor, Play & Donate!

Registration is open for the 2017 Annual Ed/Glen Chamber Golf Challenge, proudly brought to you by Tiger Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning & Electrical Services. We invite you to sign up to golf at Edwardsville's beautiful **Oak Brook Golf Club Friday, July 28** and plan a fun day of networking, golf and leisure. This is a great opportunity for **team building**, **treating your current or prospective clients**, and **rewarding your employees**.

If you are unable to golf, **consider promoting your business through an event sponsorship** to the more than 100 local community and business leaders who golf in our annual tournament. Levels range from a \$125 'Tee Sponsor' to a \$2,500 'Chairman's Circle' investment, offering a broad variety of benefits and options to fit any marketing budget.

The registration form and sponsorship information are available on pages 8 and 9 of this publication, and may also be found online at www.edglenchamber.com. Please call 618.656.7600 or email office@edglenchamber.com to register your team and secure your sponsorship.





Guiding Principles

Chambers of Commerce honor and respect **capitalism** and **well-informed private sector job creators** as a central and foundational element of regional and national prosperity. Chambers of Commerce actively facilitate collaboration and open discussion between business and public officials through **education**, **business advocacy** and **leadership**.

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7/6 Thursday 9:30am

Q&A Session w/ Edwardsville Police Department for Liquor License Holders N.O. Nelson Leclaire Room 600 Troy Road Edwardsville, IL 62025 RSVP at edglenchamber.com

7/20 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After 5 Stillwater Senior Living 1111 University Drive Edwardsville, IL 62025

7/25 Tuesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting South Maple Design by R.P. Lumber 1063 South IL Route 157 (behind Bella Milano) Edwardsville, IL 62025

7/28 Friday 7:30am

Ed/Glen Chamber Annual Golf Tournament Oak Brook Golf Club 9157 Fruit Road Edwardsville, IL 62025

8/2 Wednesday 4pm

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8/8 Tuesday 7:15-8am

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8/11 Friday 11am

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8/17 Thursday 5-7pm

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We would like to recognize the many Ed/Glen Chamber investors who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of June. This monthly feature spotlights members for their ongoing support of the Ed/Glen Chamber. We offer our sincerest thanks to each of the following business for their continued membership!

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40-49 YEARS Scheffel Boyle

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10-19 YEARS

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COMPANY HISTORY: Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. was founded in 1895 and opened an office in the greater Belleville area in 1995 in order to better serve clients in Madison and St. Clair counties. Greensfelder is a Midwest-based firm with offices located in Belleville, Chicago and St. Louis with 276 total employees. The company comprehensively addresses the legal needs of business organizations, whether private or public, in all sizes and industries.

ECOMOMIC IMPACT: Beyond client engagements that lead to successful businesses in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon market, Greensfelder is also an employer of attorneys, legal professionals and staff from throughout the region. The firm employs six attorneys, two paralegals, and three professional staff members who live in Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, along with an additional attorney, two paralegals and 19 professional staff from surrounding municipalities in Madison County.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT: The Greensfelder firm enhances the community through institutional commitments to support organizations such as Art on the Square, and through individuals volunteering time providing pro-bono legal services through organizations such as Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation.

WORKFORCE COMMITMENT: The Greensfelder team is dedicated to professional development both among attorneys and staff members. Continuing education opportunities as well as involvement in professional organizations, conferences and networking opportunities that assist them in developing practices are supported for the firm's attorneys. The firm recently implemented an in-house initiative known as Greensfelder University to help younger attorneys with professional development efforts, and its Women's Connect effort offers regular professional and business development, networking and social opportunities for the women of the firm. Support staff members are provided training opportunities to develop skills in their fields as well, including year-round technology training on a wide variety of skills. The firm also recognizes employees' hard work through initiatives including a staff appreciation week, regular staff luncheons and recognition for service milestones.

CHARACTER: The firm's mission is to commit all its resources to its clients' success. Greensfelder's first priority is to listen to its clients to ensure complete understanding of the complexity of their legal issues and business goals. By focusing advice and counsel on specific needs, attorneys can offer solutions that make business sense. Greensfelder's expertise lies in recognizing the intricacies of its clients' legal and business issues. This ensures each client receives legal advice and counsel specific to individual needs. The firm focuses on individual circumstances, culture and business objectives. The result is a uniquely tailored and comprehensive array of options for resolving any business or legal problem.

INNOVATION: Professional standards for attorneys require a certain amount of continuing legal education to be obtained each year. Knowledge management tools help the firm's attorneys stay up-to-date on regulations, law changes, and court decisions that might impact our clients. But the firm's most important effort to continually innovate comes from deepening its understanding of its clients' businesses, enabling the application of skilled legal knowledge to each client's specific business objectives.



LEADERSHIP: Thomas F. Hennessy served as a Colonel (retired) in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and is past chair of Citizens for Modern Transit, Davna L. Johnson is a mentor through the Highland Entrepreneurship Program and serves on the Madison County Foreclosure Board. Garrett C. Reuter, Jr. is a board member of Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois. William A. Schmitt serves on the St. Clement Hospital board of trustees. Donald K. Schoemaker is active with Boy Scouts International, Rotary International, and is a past president of the Shiloh Illinois School Board. Kurt S. Schroeder is vice president of the Belleville Township High School District 201, a director for Memorial Hospital East, co-chairman of Memorial Hospital Foundation capital campaign, Lewis & Clark Council Boy Scouts of America board member, Rotary Club of Belleville member, BJC Healthcare patient care committee member, and a director with Memorial Group, Inc. Russell K. Scott serves on the board of directors for the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. and is chairman of the City of Belleville Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. L. Kevin Vick serves on the Belleville Chamber of Commerce board of directors, David W. Ybarra sits on the Greensfelder board of directors.

EXCELLENCE: Thomas F. Hennessy, Dayna L. Johnson, Cherie K. Macdonald, Garrett C. Reuter, Jr., William A. Schmitt, Donald K. Schoemaker, Kurt S. Schroeder, Russell K. Scott, L. Kevin Vick, Donald E. Weihl, and David W. Ybarra have each been named Illinois Leading Lawyers. The following attorneys have been recognized with the following additional recognitions. Garrett C. Reuter, Jr.: Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers Rising Star. William A. Schmitt: Martindale Hubbell - AV Preeminent. Kurt S. Schroeder: SIUE Kimmel Community Service Award; Boy Scouts of America District Award of Merit and Silver Beaver Award. Russell K. Scott: Best Lawyers in America; Illinois Leading Lawyers; Call for Help, Pillar of Hope Awards, Outstanding Community Leader; Pillar of the Profession of the Illinois Bar Foundation, Distinguished Service to Law and Society Award; American Inns of Court Professionalism Award; Richard Hudlin Award for Public Service of the St. Clair County Bar Association; John McAndrews Pro Bono Service Award of the Illinois State Bar Association; Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent. L. Kevin Vick: Martindale Hubbell - AV Preeminent. David W. Ybarra: Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow; Who's Who Diversity in Color.

FUTURE FOCUS: The firm continually looks for areas of growth in order to best serve clients. They have seen recent growth firmwide in the areas of financial services, health care, intellectual property and others, and continued expansion in those areas is expected. The Belleville office is always working to expand its reach into the southern Illinois communities it serves, and the Greensfelder team looks forward to furthering its involvement with local chambers of commerce and other business groups, as well as charitable organizations.

2017 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber Golf Challenge Friday, July 28 at Oak Brook Golf Club

Deadline for registration is July 17. No refunds after July 17. Payment must accompany registration.

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Company						
Address						
City	State	_ ZIP	Work Phone			
Team Captain Email		Team Captain Cell # (in case of inclement weather)				
We would like to sponsor at the leve		level at \$				
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Please reserve	individual ticket(s) at \$130 each. Place me with a team.					
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Please list names below, with team captain's name and e-mail address listed as "Player 1":						
Player 1		Player 2				
Player 3 Player 3		Player 4	ayer 4			

Please enclose a check payable to Ed/Glen Chamber.
Payment in full due upon receipt of registration.

Please fax this completed form to the Chamber office at 618.656.7611 or mail with payment to: Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, 1 North Research Drive, Edwardsville, IL 62025

Tournament Includes

- 18 holes of tournament golf with cart at Oak Brook Golf Club
- Unlimited use of driving range and putting green
- Straightest drive, longest putt & closest to pin contests
- Hole in one contest
- Snack & beverages on the course
- Late lunch provided (post-play)

Schedule of Events

6am Registration & Driving Range Open

7:30am Shotgun Start

12:30pm Late Lunch in Banquet Room

Flight Winner Awards

1st Place 2nd Place

A Flight \$500 Round of for 4 @ Oak Brook Golf Club
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Golf Challenge Sponsorships

Promote your business to more than 100 golfers including chamber members & area community/business leaders!

Information must be received by July 17 to guarantee full benefits. Payment must accompany registration.

Chairman's Circle

\$650

\$650

- Exclusive event sponsor w/ tournament naming ri Welcome message at reception
- Separate corporate logo display
- 3 tee sponsorships
- #-page color da
- cale for full-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

Vice Chairman's Circle

- 1 team (4 players plus carts)
- Tables available to advertise was a
- Hulf-page color ad in event program
- e colo: ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

Golf Cart Sponsors

· Limited to four businesses

- Company logo on frant of all day six
- Sign at registration area sefore and during tour
- Eighth-page color actin ereal program
- Certificate for share r-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

Post-Party Lunch Host

\$650

- · Limited to two businesses
 - Signage on all dining & buffet tables
 - Table available to advertise and share gifts/promotional items with participants
 - Eighth page color ad in event program
 - Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

Putting Green Sponsor

• Exclusive sponsorship

- Sole sponsor sign in practice graph and data a Republic forment
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- Honor of delivering prize for low starts on builting contest during awards ceremony
- Eighth-page color of in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

On-Course Food/Bev Sponsors

\$650

- · Limited to six businesses
- Sign at grill area before & during tournament
- Signs on beverage our is 3 beverage centers the
- Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

Hole In One Sponsor

\$650

- Logo/listing in all event programs, website & Commo
- Provides car at designated in its in an arrangement

Exclusive Hole Sponsor

\$250

- 1 exclusive hole sponsorship (sign provided by chamber; 18 available)
- Opportunity to host a tent (supplied by sponsor) at designated hole
- Opportunity to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants
- Eighth-page color ad in event program
- Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)

Tee Sponsor

\$125

- Unlimited number of tee sponsorships available
- Placed along cart paths in high visibility areas

Cash & Prize Donation

• Donate cash, a door prize or contest prize (value of approximately \$25-\$100)

TOURNAMENT DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 28 **TOURNAMENT TEE TIME: 7:30AM**

All Sponsorships Include:

- Logo/listing in all event programs, website & Common Ground
- Online & social media recognition leading up to tournament

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ACCELERATE Edwardsville/Glen Carbon is a new Ed/Glen Chamber initiative designed to build and solidify our region's vibrant future workforce.

ACCELERATE Edwardsville/Glen Carbon is a business-centric initiative designed to provide professionals like you with the tools to accelerate your leadership acumen, hone your communication skills, expand your professional network, connect you with mentors, and ultimately strengthen our business community as a whole.

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Company:	Title:				
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Phone:	Email Address:				
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Signature:		Date:			

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As one of the largest law firms in Southern Illinois, MM&R understands what it takes for businesses to grow and succeed. Our attorneys understand the issues businesses face every day, whether a start-up or an established company. From medical practices to manufacturers, we have the diverse background and experience to assist your business.

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IDPH Honors Zobrist With EMS Hero Award, Anderson Hospital Presents Recognition

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently celebrated National EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Week by recognizing the important contributions and dedication of paramedics, police, firefighters, and other first responders who provide day-to-day lifesaving services.

"The men and women being honored during National EMS Week are true heroes who have acted selflessly to help people in need during emergency situations," said IDPH Director Nirav D. Shah, M.D. J.D. "Thousands of emergency workers in Illinois put their lives on the line every day, while others are simply citizens who have acted with courage to help others avoid serious injury or even death. This week, the Illinois Department of Public Health honors these heroes and would like to say thank you for their courage, time, and dedication."

The recipient of this year's EMS Hero Award is Todd Zobrist of Pocahontas, Illinois. On the morning of March 16, 2017, Todd Zobrist and members of the Highland Ambulance Service responded to a call of a car being driven into a lake. On their arrival, they found the vehicle submerged with only 12

to 15 inches of the car above water. Zobrist jumped in the 40-degree water and was able to pull an infant from the submerged car to on top of the vehicle where he began CPR. Zobrist's immediate and courageous actions have been attributed to saving this infant's life.



PICTURED, L to R: Anderson Hospital President Keith Page, EMS Coordinator Brad Perry; Emergency Preparedness Director Eric Brandmeyer; Chief Nursing Officer Lisa Klaustermeier; Todd Zobrist; Highland Fire Department EMS Chief Brian Wilson and EMS Captain Tim Rusteberg.



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Louer Facility Planning Welcomes Guithues & Smith To Team

Jamison Guithues has joined Louer Facility Planning, Inc. as an interior designer.

An honors graduate of the International Academy of Design and Technology in Chicago, Guithues' experience and expertise includes sustainable design, computer-aided design (CAD) and



project management. She is a Granite City resident.

"We're excited to welcome Jamison to our team of talented interior design professionals," said Yvette Paris, the Collinsville-based firm's design director.

Louer Facility Planning also recently welcomed Kerry Smith as director of marketing and business development. A career journalist and former business owner, Smith holds a master's degree in public administration from SIUE and a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin. She is an Edwardsville resident.



"I am pleased that such a highly qualified individual has been chosen to join our team of design professionals," Louer shared.

Louer Facility Planning has been in business for 21 years, offering the latest trends and innovations in smart workspace furniture for clients across the St. Louis metro region. Louer Facility Planning's clients include those in the corporate, financial, healthcare, government and educational sectors.



Plummer Lading Earns Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices 'Company Designated Trainer' Title

Julie Plummer Lading of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Elite Properties has been awarded the Company Designated Trainer (CDT) designation by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

Plummer Lading earned the CDT designation by successfully completing this tier of the Berkshire

Hathaway HomeServices Instructor Development Program. This program combines virtual training, self-study and individual assignments in a four-week program focused on providing trainers practical skills and practice activities to help raise the level of training design and delivery proficiency.



"This designation is an important indicator of the importance our brokerage places on training provided to our agents. We're very agent-centric at Elite Properties. Improving the delivery of our training will help our agents greatly," said Denise Wolff, development and operations manager for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Elite Properties. "Julie has worked hard to earn this designation and we are all proud of her accomplishments," said Wolff.

Julie Plummer Lading has been in the real estate industry for 17 years and holds the position of vice president – managing broker for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Elite Properties.





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Holland Construction Breaks Ground On New Building For First Presbyterian Church of Edwardsville

Holland Construction Services, Inc. (Holland) recently joined with members of the First Presbyterian Church of Edwardsville at a ground breaking ceremony for their new \$3 million church.

Holland is providing design/build services for this new 11,056 square-foot church located on a 6-acre site on Ridgeview Road. The new facility will include a sanctuary, offices, and an education wing.

The current church, located on North Kansas Street, was built in 1923 and in need of repairs as well as not being ADA compliant. The new building will be energy efficient, one level, and meet ADA requirements.

"First Presbyterian is the first church established in Edwardsville, and its people continue to step out in faith toward new territory," said Pastor Dr. John C. Hembruch. "We are pleased to partner with Holland, and excited by the construction progress we see on our new home for mission and ministry. We're grateful for the many expressions of support we've received from members of the community."

The last service held in the existing church was on Easter Sunday of 2017. The 375-member congregation is currently meeting at Goshen Elementary School during construction, which is scheduled for completion in January of 2018.

Hurford Architects out of Glen Carbon, Illinois is Holland's design/build partner on the project.

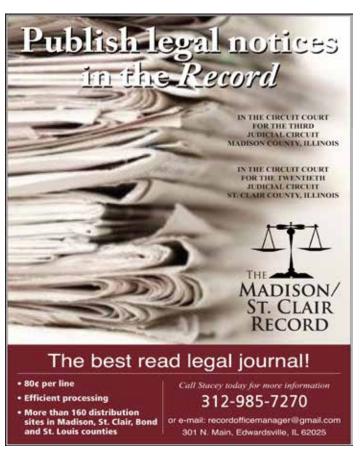




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GCS Credit Union Supports #ENDALZ Initiative & Walk To End Alzheimer's Event

Credit Union employees recently went 'purple with a purpose' for Alzheimer's Disease Awareness & Caregivers Month and raised \$1,095 for the Alzheimer's Association.

More than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's – by 2050, this number could be 16 million. In an ongoing effort to support the local community, GCS employees participate in Jeans Days each month. In exchange for a donation of \$15 or more, employees are allowed to wear jeans on Fridays and Saturdays during the month of June. Alzheimer's is a disease that attacks the brain. It is the most common form of dementia. Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life. Currently, there is no cure for Alzheimer's. But drug and non-drug treatments may help with both cognitive and behavioral symptoms.



GCS Credit Union employees took the donation one step further to create a GCS Walk To #ENDALZ team at the upcoming Walk to End Alzheimer's event on September 23, 2017 at Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. For more information on the SIUE Walk to End Alzheimer's event, visit act.alz.org. To find out more about GCS, visit myGCScu.com.



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Illinois Chamber of Commerce To Host Critical Infrastructure Summit June 6 & 7

This was published by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in a recent 'Message from the President' email.

We are now a little over halfway through special session. Lawmakers have a few days left to pass a comprehensive budget plan before Illinois' reputation — and business climate — is hurt even further. The Illinois Chamber of Commerce believes that it is crucial a plan, with proper reforms, is passed before the start of the new fiscal year July 1.



In a letter given to lawmakers, the

Illinois Chamber of Commerce calls on members of the General Assembly to incorporate key changes and additions in the budget plan proposed on June 14 by Republican caucuses and the Governor. There are topics not mentioned in the letter that the Illinois Chamber of Commerce supports in the plan, such as, the property tax freeze as well as other items. The Republican plan, with adequate changes, is the best framework available for a conclusion to the impasse.

Below is the full letter addressed to lawmakers.

Dear Leaislator.

While the Illinois Chamber of Commerce acknowledges the hard work of the Governor and General Assembly, the Chamber urges each and every legislator to work for a final resolution of the unprecedented budget impasse this week. I know that we all recognize the terrible toll the lack of a state budget has had on our employer community, our institutions and our reputation.

The need for **real reform** of government and the Illinois jobs climate remains critical but, finally, meaningful progress on reforms and a balanced budget appear within reach.

The Chamber believes that the framework for a budget resolution laid out by the Republican caucuses and the Governor on June 14 – largely built upon the package passed by Senate Democrats in May – is the best framework available for a conclusion to the impasse. However, this framework is far from perfect nor is it complete.

The Chamber calls for the following changes and additions in order to support a final package:

OMIT THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL SERVICE TAX: SB 9, the most recent legislative proposal to tax certain services is unconstitutional. The Illinois Supreme Court, in the case of Fiorito v. Jones held unconstitutional - for lack of uniformity, and for denial of due process and equal protection guarantees - a prior attempt to impose a tax on a limited number of services. The recent amendment imposing a tax on a specific list of services (as opposed to all services) would immediately be subject to constitutional challenge.

STOP THE ROAD FUND RAID: Both Senate Democrat and Republican proposals would take \$266 million out of the Road Fund and shift the bulk of it to Chicago area mass transit. While transit is a priority, this is an unprecedented use of the Road Fund and will result in a \$1 billion reduction in IDOT's latest multi-year plan for roads and bridges.

INCLUDE A TRANSPORTATION "BRIDGE THE GAP" PROPOSAL: Transportation funding is set to fall off a cliff at the end of this construction season. The legislature can maximize the impact of modest increases in road fund revenues by bonding them. This would increase transportation funding over the next two years until a larger, more permanent fix to this problem is found.

PASS A CLEAR PLAN FOR REDUCING THE BILL BACKLOG: While the Chamber is an advocate for more efficiencies in government and greater respect for taxpayer dollars moving forward, the state simply must pay debts already incurred. Though not optimal policy, new bonding, backed by a dedicated revenue source, is the best way to jump start a return to fiscal sanity.

IMPROVE THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION REFORMS: While modest, the amendments to the workers' compensation act contained in HB 4068 do represent incremental progress. However, the language related to "traveling employees" must be strengthened and new employer penalties related to electronic filing must be reasonable.

REBALANCE THE TAX MIX: Given the right package, the Chamber can support a major tax increase to help produce a balanced budget. However, the current tax package unduly burdens specific industries and ignores our largest job creator, small business. A final tax package should omit a decoupling from the Domestic Production Activity Deduction (a change impacting agriculture, manufacturing, technology and others), eliminate the unfair taxation of satellite and internet streaming services, and create a new incentive for small businesses to invest and grow in Illinois.

The Chamber stands ready to work with all legislators and the Governor to find a resolution to the current budget crisis. The time for a resolution is now.

Todd Maisch, President & CEO Illinois Chamber of Commerce



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