

Ending the Culture of Corruption

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PROGRESS THROUGH PRINCIPLES

EXPOSE AND ELIMINATE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Conflict of interest and economic disclosure statements give citizens the ability to hold lawmakers accountable. Illinois should adopt a model of disclosure that will expose conflicts and help end the culture of corruption.

BAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS FROM LOBBYING

Allowing General Assembly members to also be government consultants and lobbyists has created dysfunction. An outright lobbying ban for General Assembly members will stop the practice immediately and start cleaning up government.

RE-BALANCE THE POWER STRUCTURE

For decades, only Mike Madigan was able to decide if a bill would be called for a vote, with disastrous results for Illinois. The legislative process needs reform to allow every legislator to get an up or down vote on their bills.

EMPOWER CITIZENS TO ACT

Illinois citizens are fed up with state government and need to be able to take control of their government when it is led by corruption. Allowing citizens to easily introduce amendments to the constitution will give them control in their government.

Responsible Fiscal Leadership

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REQUIRE ALL BUDGETS TO BALANCE

Years of unbalanced budgets and wasted spending have left Illinois with the worst budget in the nation. It's time to end the decades of reckless behavior by only spending on things we can afford.

MANDATE TRANSPARENCY IN BUDGETING

One of the causes of Illinois' fiscal chaos is the lack of transparency in the budgeting process. All appropriations bills should be thoroughly vetted in both chambers with a mandatory time for public comment.

SAVE OUR PENSION SYSTEMS

The pension crisis continues to grow, crowding out essential services and hurting state finances. Reform is necessary for Illinois to solve its fiscal problems and for local governments to reduce their property taxes.

TACKLE GOVERNMENT INEFFICIENCY

Illinois leads the nation in units of government that hike tax bills and add layers of bureaucracy. Consolidation and elimination of unnecessary layers of government will save money, lower property tax bills and create a better experience for people in need of government services.

Growing Jobs and Opportunities for Our Families

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ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT ACROSS ILLINOIS

When we recognize and use all of the state's strengths we can create jobs across Illinois. Our available infrastructure combined with sound economic policies can once again make Illinois the leader in job creation.

CARING FOR FAMILIES

Ensuring access to affordable quality healthcare strengthens families. Illinois must offer forward-thinking education solutions and flexibility for working parents in caring for children.

ESTABLISH AN APPRENTICESHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM

The foundation of a strong economy starts with its workforce. Illinois needs to be a leader in making sure our workforce has the skills needed to compete in our ever-changing economy.

ELIMINATE OVERREGULATION AND MANDATES

Job creators need a chance to grow and the freedom to be flexible. Illinois' endless amounts of regulations and red tape need to be scaled back to reduce property taxes and government needs to provide a better experience for business owners.

Ensuring Public Safety

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END MADIGAN CORRUPTION AND PATRONAGE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

For too long, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board has been a patronage haven for Mike Madigan and his friends. We must reform the process to make sure our public safety officials are prepared for their difficult careers.

CREATE THE BACK THE BADGE PROGRAM

Law enforcement jobs require our best and brightest citizens to apply in order for our citizens to be protected. We need to implement a program to recruit and retain the best officers we can put on the streets.

REFORM FOID

Licensed gun owners have seen countless delays on their FOID applications and renewals caused by bureaucratic walls. Responsible gun owners shouldn't be left waiting at the mercy of a flawed system while criminals continue to flout the law.

STUDY BAIL REFORM

Taking away someone's freedom is not an easy step to take, but when weighed against the well-being of society it may be necessary. In recent years, Illinois has made many changes to its bail program. These changes must be reviewed to examine their impact on crime.
