

Dear Neighbor,

As your State Representative, it's an honor to serve you. This newsletter provides a summary of our recent session as well as the priorities I'm working to accomplish in Springfield and throughout our district.

**These priorities are straightforward. We must**

- reduce taxes,
- promote common sense, and
- empower families.

**Reduce Taxes:** The majority party continually raises taxes, from gas to groceries, to your property taxes. This trend is unsustainable without deteriorating the communities we call home. Illinois is ultimately stifling the creativity of small businesses along with decreasing your personal spending power through harmful laws and policies. It's time we flip the script and propel growth through incentives, not taxes.

**Promote Common Sense:** We are missing the target in Springfield. Legislators are too busy discussing laws and policies irrelevant to our families instead of truly helping them. I introduced bills aimed at helping seniors lower their property taxes and consumers lower their hospital costs. Neither bill was allowed a vote in committee. Instead, we spent hours debating declawing cats and petting bears, proof the Illinois House of Representatives is out of touch with the day-to-day lives of average Illinois residents.

**Empower Families:** Instead of expanding existing school choice, Illinois is looking to kill the entire program. Instead of promoting family values, Illinois is limiting free speech. Instead of spurring economic opportunity, Illinois is growing the government. Parents deserve to choose how to raise their children. We all know healthy communities are a result of healthy families, so let's empower them instead of working against them.

Please contact my office anytime by calling (331) 867-8200. It is my greatest honor to serve you.

Sincerely,



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## Rep. Davis is Ready to Help

Constituents visit Representative Davis' office every week with challenges and obstacles. Some need help navigating the various agencies and departments throughout the state for things like licenses and permits. Others need help with larger issues, such as caring for loved ones or preventing tragedies from reoccurring.

As a result, Representative Davis is working on legislation with local law enforcement, local officials, and parents for next year's session. These efforts include the collaboration of the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Professional Regulation, and the University of Illinois. Representative Davis believes the best outcomes are achieved through the voices of many and he will continually explore avenues to include as many voices as possible through the process.

You may speak with Representative Davis anytime by visiting his office at 1925 S Bridge St, Yorkville, IL 60560 or by calling (331) 867-8200. He is always willing to help and loves hearing from constituents.

Representative Davis concludes, "Representing you in Springfield is an honor. The best part of my job is helping people who contact our office with a variety of issues. We can have an immediate impact on their lives and there's no greater satisfaction than truly helping and serving them as a representative of the people."



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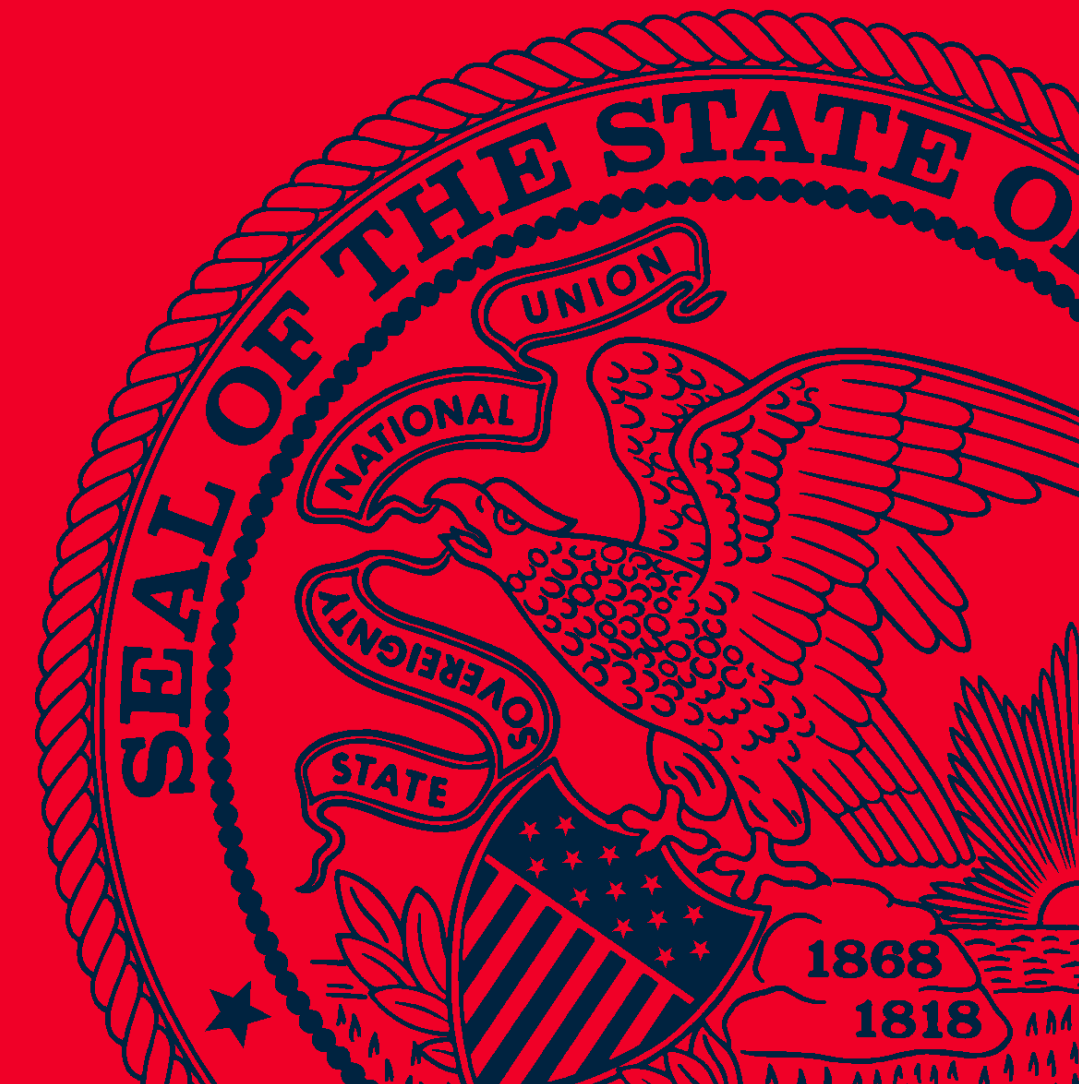
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



# WORKING FOR YOUR PRIORITIES



Representative Davis passed substantial legislation as a first-term representative. As chief sponsor or chief co-sponsor, he passed bills advancing construction, assisting families, defending businesses, and lowering taxes. He also sponsored numerous other bills promoting our community values.

**HB 2995:** Introduced by Representative Davis, this bill assists current and prospective foster families by removing a financial barrier placed on them when welcoming a new foster placement. It passed the House with no opposition and will help more children find welcoming families.

**SB 0064:** Representative Davis worked with Democrats to preserve the rights of small businesses. This bill is an excellent example of coming together across the aisle and protecting the values shared by our communities.

**SB 1460:** This locally-based bill helps Lake Holiday, a community just south of Sandwich and Somonauk. It allows Lake Holiday to purchase roadway materials at government prices, ultimately saving taxpayer dollars. Representative Davis carried this bill through the House without any opposition.

**SB 1570:** This bill saves taxpayers even more money by allowing local municipalities and school districts to use the design-build method when tackling construction projects. It will allow schools to invest more in students instead of adding extra costs.

## Nonsense Bills

Here are some of the nonsensical bills passed in Springfield. To support his quest for more common sense, all bills received a 'No' vote from Representative Davis.

**HB 1286:** This bill paves the way for multi-occupancy gender-neutral bathrooms in Illinois by outlining the criteria associated with their construction.

**HB 2350:** This bill allows females to receive prostate exams and males to receive pap smears.

**HB 3062:** This bill restricts your ability to challenge unconstitutional laws by forcing you to file suit in either Cook or Sangamon Counties, regardless of where you live. It started as a bill about landlords and was completely gutted, redrafted, and shoved through during the closing days of session - an unacceptable bill passed in an unacceptable manner!

**SB 1909:** This bill targets pregnancy information centers by limiting their ability to engage in pregnancy-related services. The outcome is a direct assault on not-for-profit organizations and on freedom of speech.

Representative Davis will continually stand against these shenanigans, proudly representing the voice of truth, logic, and common sense in Springfield on your behalf.



Representative Davis is already drafting bills for next year's session. Several of these bills are a byproduct of listening to and meeting with constituents.

### Here's a quick sampling:

- 1) Accountability for the House of Representatives:** This bill requires a 72-hour posting requirement before voting on any legislation. Its purpose is to promote accountability and also transparency between constituents and their representatives.
- 2) Accountability for Sex Offenders:** This bill removes the ability for sex offenders to plead down their charges. Removing this ability holds them accountable with steeper penalties, in turn keeping our communities and families safer.
- 3) Reciprocal Licenses for Nurses:** This bill allows nurses licensed in other states to work in Illinois without additional criteria. We face a shortage of healthcare workers, and removing barriers helps healthcare employers meet this critical need.
- 4) Tax Relief for Disabilities:** This bill provides property tax relief for people living with disabilities preventing them from earning income.
- 5) Transparency for House of Representatives:** This bill guarantees every Representative will have one bill called, debated, and voted on the House floor. No more hiding behind committees or lobbyists, it's time we are transparent with the people.

Representative Davis thanks the constituents who brought these ideas to the table. They are great examples of working together for a better Illinois. If you have any legislative ideas, please contact his office at (331) 867-8200. Representative Davis is also tackling additional topics such as caregiver shortages, employee shortages, and tax incentives for new businesses. There is much work to be done and he is both excited and grateful for the challenge.

## FY24 Budget Update

Here are some facts about the FY24 budget passed in Springfield.

- The budget is one of the largest ever in Illinois history at a stunning \$50.4 billion.
- The budget is made up of 3,425 pages of increased government spending.
- There was not a single Republican vote on the budget, and interestingly it received three 'No' votes from Senate Democrats.

The budget includes millions in funding for dozens of Democrat pet projects, in addition to \$550 million to cover free healthcare for undocumented immigrants.

One thing this budget does not include is the full funding of our local communities. Specifically, the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is not fully funded, and has not been fully funded for over a decade. These dollars assist communities like Minooka, Morris, Oswego, Plano, Sandwich, and Yorkville with the rising costs of public improvements. So, underfunding LGDF forces these communities to pursue alternate sources, ultimately at the expense of the local taxpayer. One example of the rising costs of public improvements is sourcing water from Lake Michigan. Clearly, state leadership values funding undocumented immigrants and ineffective pet projects over our local communities and you, the taxpayer.

The budget was passed around 3:00 am without ample time for vetting the substance of the document. It was crafted behind closed doors entirely by the majority party and was presented without consideration for additional ideas. This process clearly demonstrates how broken things are in Springfield.

## RESTORING BALANCE

The majority of voters want neither far-left nor far-right policies. They want both sides working together to implement real solutions to the problems they face. Unfortunately, this desire could not possibly be further from our current reality.



When a singular party has a 2 to 1 supermajority, the people end up losing. Illinois is losing. Losing businesses, losing families, and politicians are disconnected from these realities because

there's no incentive for listening.

"I tire from the lack of balance on the House floor," said Representative Davis, "The resulting legislation exemplifies our lopsided government, telling me Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Main Street Illinois are simply being ignored."

**Generates unhealthy factions:** Supermajorities create parties within a party. Instead of wrestling with true kitchen table economics, Democrats are wrestling with spending \$1.1 billion on free healthcare for undocumented immigrants. This issue alone portrays competing values arising through unhealthy factions. It would not exist without unbalanced power.

Representative Davis closes, "Listen, I don't have all the answers, and politicians saying otherwise are simply not telling the truth. Together though, there's hope! Sharp minds exist in the General Assembly, on both sides of the aisle. So, what could we truly accomplish if we set aside trivial issues? What business incentives, cost savings, and family partnerships could we develop? You deserve better and I'll work tirelessly for change while praying someone across the aisle is willing to do the same."

### There are two significant problems here:

- 1) Lopsided power disconnects leaders from pressing issues.**
- 2) Lopsided power also generates unhealthy factions within a singular party.**

**Disconnects leaders from pressing issues:** From traveling the district, Representative Davis learned residents are concerned about educational values, rising costs, increased taxes, healthcare, and public safety. However, none of these issues were tackled during this past session, at least absent of far left or far right approaches. Representatives instead spent energy debating bears, female prostate exams, male pap smears, pronouns, and gas stoves. They've essentially made a mockery of governing.