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Today the Illinois Supreme Court is hearing oral arguments in a lawsuit challenging the process by which the Illinois General Assembly approved the \$31 billion "Illinois Jobs Now!" capital plan in 2009. The capital plan and its funding mechanisms are not at question. Rather, the Supreme Court is reviewing the format of the legislation to determine if it is constitutional.

The Video Gaming Act is the main funding source of the capital plan. It would support thousands of critical infrastructure projects, generate local revenues to support municipal budgets and promote economic development across the state. The overwhelming, bi-partisan support for the Video Gaming Act and the capital plan demonstrates strong consensus in the legislature and offers a practical way to improve our economy and put Illinois back to work.

Back to Work Illinois, a broad coalition of civic, business, community and labor organizations, strongly supports the full implementation and funding of the capital plan.

More information on the Capital Bill and the Video Gaming Act can be found at www.backtoworkillinois.com.