



## Talking Points

- The Illinois unemployment rate is at an unprecedented level. We need jobs and investment now and cannot wait any longer.
- The 2009 state capital plan was the first major state investment program approved in the last ten years and it will invest \$31 billion and create 439,000 jobs statewide over the next five years.
- Hundreds of millions of dollars will be invested in school construction, community and economic development, environmental and other key projects. Statewide, the plan contains:
  - \$4.6 billion for roads, highways, bridges, and transit programs
  - \$3 billion for school construction and renovation
  - \$3.3 billion for economic and community development projects, including health care, parks, cultural institutions, and economic redevelopment
  - \$1.3 billion for environmental projects such as drinking water and sewer upgrades
- 5% of revenue generated in locally will remain under local control and can be used for local priorities, such as maintaining police and fire departments, supporting local health care, promoting economic development and increasing other key public services. For each establishment with five machines, the local municipality or county will generate an estimated \$11,250 in tax revenue per year.
- Video gaming is the essential revenue component of the capital plan and without it, significant changes to the plan could be made, included cutting its overall size or dramatically slowing its implementation.
- The authorization of video gaming increases local control over the facilities that host it, and increases local law enforcement's ability to monitor gaming.
- The proposed system is very much like the current Illinois Lottery with all machines tied into a central system and overseen by the state. The maximum wager is \$2 with a maximum prize of \$500 – which mirrors the limits for charity and church bingo games.
- Other solutions and revenue sources are not coming out from Springfield. They are unlikely to come up with any meaningful alternatives.
- Please support the working men and women of Illinois and our local businesses. Opt-in for jobs and investment.