



## Q&A

**1. Q: What is the current status of the Illinois capital bill and the Illinois Video Gaming Act?**

A: The bill and its funding sources was passed and approved in 2009 with strong, statewide, bi-partisan support. The Illinois Supreme Court upheld the state's 2009 capital plan and its funding sources on July 11, 2011.

Among those revenue plans is the Video Gaming Act, which will provide host municipalities with a key revenue source, enhance law enforcement and institute needed reform of the state's unregulated gaming system. This bill will help put Chicago workers back to work, implement critical infrastructure projects and generate new revenues for the City.

**2. Q: Has support for the Video Gaming Act dwindled?**

A: No. In fact, the number of community opt-outs has fallen dramatically. One municipality opted-out of the Video Gaming Act in 2011.

**3. Q: Why should we support the capital bill and Video Gaming Act?**

A: The 2009 Illinois Capital Plan represents one of the most significant investments in Chicago's economy in decades. It will save or create tens of thousands of jobs in the City. The Video Gaming Act will generate 30 percent of the funds needed for the \$31 billion capital construction fund.

Five percent of the revenue collected will go directly to Chicago for unrestricted use (estimated at a minimum of \$30 million annually). It significantly improves law enforcement oversight of gaming in the state and it was approved with strong bi-partisan support.

**4. Q: Who does Back to Work Illinois represent?**

A: Back to Work Illinois is a statewide coalition of business, labor, community and other organizations supportive of investments in our infrastructure and improvements to the oversight and accountability of gaming in Illinois. A full list of members is available at our website.

**5. Q: What can I do to support the capital bill and Video Gaming Act?**

A: The Back to Work Coalition can guide your efforts and provide you with resources to support the capital bill and the Video Gaming Act. You may also communicate directly with City Council members, offer your official support in media statements and encourage your members, colleagues and peers to support the legislation.