

Responsible Budget Coalition

Legislative Principles

I am committed to building the support needed to solve Illinois' budget crisis, prevent harmful cuts to essential public services, save jobs, eliminate the state's long-term structural deficit, and make taxes more fair.

I believe that the state has a moral and legal obligation to protect public safety, safeguard public health, strengthen our economy, and ensure that every individual has the opportunity to thrive. I know the current Illinois budget fails that test. It threatens or has already forced deep and damaging cuts to education, health care, human services, and public safety—the core responsibilities of state government—and undermines economic recovery by throwing thousands of Illinoisans out of work.

I acknowledge that this fiscal crisis, brought on by a long-standing structural budget deficit and an economic downturn, cannot be solved without significant new revenue. The revenue mix contained in HB 174—a comprehensive tax-reform package passed by the Illinois Senate and approved by a committee of the Illinois House—is the most responsible framework for such a solution.

I support this comprehensive tax reform, including a revenue increase at least equal to that proposed in HB 174, and pledge to work to enact it as soon as possible.

Signature

Print name

District

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