



Illinois General Assembly

Hon. J.B. Pritzker
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Governor Pritzker,

There are a series of serious structural reforms that should have been in place before this crisis that would have given both state government and Illinois citizens much more resources and flexibility to weather this emergency. Correcting that is a conversation that we will be having in the weeks and months ahead. Today, regular citizens and small businesses across Illinois need immediate help.

We are calling on you and the Legislature to take the following immediate action:

1. Freeze Unemployment insurance rates for 12 months and provide assurance that rates don't reflect claims due to corona virus shutdowns and layoffs
2. Freeze the minimum wage for the next 18 months
3. Return the light trailer license fee back to \$18 from \$118
4. Sales tax holiday for the entire duration of any work restriction or stay at home order
5. Prorated abatement of property taxes across the board equal to number of days of work restriction or stay at home order

We applaud your common sense first step of moving the state tax filing deadline to align with the federal deadline. We need to do more to give small businesses immediate breathing room. We must do more than just offer small business loans. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. They are the primary employer for the majority of our citizens. Giving them the confidence that our government is committed to removing barriers for them through these unprecedented times will help all the people of Illinois. As we come through this crisis – which we know we will – it is imperative that we ease the burdens on job creators and take every possible step to make it easier for our small businesses to put Illinois citizens back to work.

Let's kick start our comeback by enacting these commonsense policies immediately.

Sincerely,

State Representative Darren Bailey-109th District
State Representative Chris Miller- 110th District
State Representative Allen Skillicorn- 66th District
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