

ILLINOIS CONTINUES TO DIVE INTO A **DOWNWARD SPIRAL** WHILE OTHER STATES RECOVER FROM THE RECESSION



We all want to be known for setting records, unfortunately at 17 months Illinois has set the record for being the state that has gone the longest without passing a state budget.

The failure of our Elected Officials to pass a state budget for two years has left our state and social services in turmoil.

ILLINOIS' CITIZENS ARE SUFFERING AS SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES.

- 41% of **Homeless Service Agencies** have been forced to limit intake of new clients and 39% have eliminated services for current clients.
- One year into the budget impasse **40,000 Illinoisans** in need of housing and homeless services were turned away from providers do to the budget crisis.
- **Illinois needs a responsible budget now!**

WE NEED THE BUDGET IMPASSE TO END WITH OUR OFFICIALS FINDING REVENUE SOLUTIONS WITHOUT CUTS TO OUR STATE'S HUMAN SERVICES.

- There are a broad range of available revenue options that policymakers can choose to avoid cuts to essential services including **income tax reform** and having **businesses pay their fair share**.
- It is estimated that in order provide important services, avoid cuts, and fill the funding gap Illinois needs **\$9 billion in revenue**.
- Revenue options include:
 - Increasing the personal income tax rate from 3.75% to 5% (Wisconsin median tax rate is 6.27%; Minnesota 7.05%)
 - Increasing the corporate income tax rate from 5.25 percent to 6 percent (Wisconsin 7.9%; Indiana rate is at 8.5%)
 - Broaden sales tax by taxing services, modeled after Iowa's taxation of services which could bring in 4.6 billion.
- These revenue options would not only provide for vulnerable populations but would also keep Illinois competitive with other Midwestern states.

AS THE BUDGET IMPASSE CONTINUES AND WE TURN AWAY REVENUE, ILLINOIS SUFFERS.



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