



## News From State Representative Dan Brady

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### **Rep. Brady: Governor “Sending Mixed Signals” on Tax Relief, Key Budget Issues**

Springfield, IL...Governor Quinn sent “mixed signals” on tax relief for families and on key budget issues today in his annual State of the State Address to Illinois lawmakers and citizens, State Representative Dan Brady said.

“Today the Governor said he wants to focus on providing tax relief and creating new jobs and those are very welcome goals. In fact, they have been top priorities for me for years. The problem is that many of his actions since taking office have been in direct conflict with those goals,” said Brady (R-Bloomington).

Governor Quinn today spoke about the need to provide working families with tax relief. Rep. Brady pointed out that just last year, Governor Quinn championed and signed into law the largest income tax increase in Illinois history.

“Saying you’re working to provide families with tax relief when you just last year raised their income taxes by 67% is certainly sending mixed signals, to say the least” Brady said.

Rep. Brady noted that the Governor in recent weeks proposed a partial shift in pension funding responsibility from the state to local school districts and universities. Brady said this plan won’t reduce pension costs, but will likely hurt families’ already cash-strapped budgets.

“Faced with this huge new expense, schools will be forced to slash their budgets or raise property taxes, or both. Universities will also have to raise tuition costs for students,” Brady said.

Brady said the Governor is also sending mixed signals on the issue of job creation. “He says this is a top priority, and that’s good to hear. But, again, just last year he signed a record-breaking tax increase on Illinois employers. Since then, businesses have left or threatened to leave if not given special tax exemptions and our unemployment rate is up by almost a whole percentage point,” Rep. Brady said. “To attract new employers and foster job growth we need to roll back the tax increase and get back to work on workers compensation reform.”

“When the Governor gives his budget address in three weeks I am really hoping to hear a clear, workable plan to address our \$8.5 billion backlog of unpaid bills, curb our skyrocketing Medicaid costs and to get our budget and economy back on track. It’s time for Governor Quinn to step up and lead,” Brady said.

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