



ADVOCACY UPDATE

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is the voice for business in Springfield and Sangamon County and has an obligation to its members to represent their interests to all levels of government and to the public. The Chamber supports laws and ordinances that encourage entrepreneurship, development, job creation and investment. The Chamber opposes public policy that creates unnecessary regulation and/or burden on the business community that will hamper the creation of new jobs and wealth.

Take Action Now

Graduated Income Tax

The Governor's Graduated Income Tax proposal is now one step closer to appearing on the November 2020 ballot, asking the voting public to approve a constitutional amendment that would change Illinois' flat income tax to a graduated or progressive tax structure. The first step was taken late yesterday when the Illinois Senate approved the amendment, SJRCA 1, on a straight party line vote of 40-19. Next, SJRCA 1 will go before the House of Representatives for consideration.

We were told the last two income tax increases were going to fix Illinois' fiscal problems. They did not. Why should we trust this increase will solve the State's financial issues? Instead, if this constitutional amendment is approved, it will give the legislature a blank check to continue to raise tax rates in the future, as specific rates are not a part of the constitutional amendment.

Now is the time to take action. We encourage you to reach out to your State House Representative (and other House representatives) today and ask them to vote NO on SJRCA 1.

SB 1379

The General Assembly is considering legislation which is an initiative of the Cook County Assessor that could negatively impact businesses across the entire state. SB 1379 would not only apply to Cook County, it would authorize other counties throughout the state to opt-in to the requirements of SB 1379.

The bill would amend the Illinois Tax Code to create a system where taxpayers of income producing property would be required to submit income and expense data related to the property to the chief county assessment officer. SB 1379 has passed in the Senate and it has been assigned to the House Revenue and Finance Committee. **We encourage you to reach out to your State House Representative (and other House representatives) and ask them to OPPOSE SB 1379.**

HB 2838

If passed, this bill would hold General Contractors (GC) liable for payment of wages to employees of a subcontractor even when the GC has paid the subcontractor in full. HB 2838 has passed in the House of Representatives and could be before the Senate soon. **We encourage you to reach out to your State Senator (and other State Senators) and ask them to OPPOSE HB 2838.**