



News From Illinois General Assembly

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Dear Editor,

Reform is in the air, Illinois families and legislators alike are demanding change. However, House Speaker Michael Madigan's Democrat caucus continues to ignore pleas for change from families they were elected to serve.

Immediately after the Illinois Reform Commission released its unbiased list of reforms aimed at cleaning up state government and restoring the public's trust, House Republican Leader Tom Cross requested that Speaker Madigan convene the House as a Committee of the whole to allow IRC Chairman Patrick Collins to present and discuss the commission's suggested reforms with the entire House.

Without hesitation, the idea was blocked by Speaker Madigan's floor leader Barbara Flynn Currie, "No, there's no chance at all, for heaven's sake. If (Cross) wants a few more opportunities on the floor of the Illinois House, he better do a better job electing Republicans."

Why are the Democrats so opposed to reform? What happened to serving the people of Illinois? Dating back to 2003, my colleagues and I have sponsored countless reform bills such as redistricting, term limits, requiring a super majority vote on all tax increases and abolishing unnecessary government positions. Madigan has ignored ALL of these reform proposals.

Each of the Illinois Reform Commission's proposals deserves a fair hearing on the House floor. Madigan obviously does not see the urgency and importance of these reforms; therefore, the House Republicans hosted our own hearing. On May 15, the House Republicans invited legislators from both parties, constitutional officers along with the public to hear the IRC chairman testify on the 34 reforms.

At a time when transparency is more important than ever, reforms should not be debated behind closed doors.

Sincerely,

House Republican Legislators of DuPage County



State Representative Dennis Reboletti



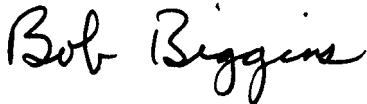
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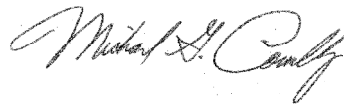
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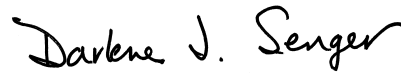
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