

Fellow Democrats,

We write today to express our full support for Pat Quinn in his bid for another term as our Governor. A costly, bitter 2014 primary fight between fellow Democrats is exactly what Illinois Republicans want: a chance to divide and weaken our party and recapture the executive branch of state government.

Pat Quinn took the reins of state government in the midst of the worst recession since the Great Depression - and in the aftermath of a massive, embarrassing scandal. As Governor, he has restored honor and integrity to Illinois. To clean up the mess he inherited, he's had to make unpopular decisions, including some that have angered our allies. But in hard times more than ever, we need a truth-telling leader, unafraid of ruffling feathers and making tough decisions.

As we press forward through unprecedented challenges, it's tempting and often convenient to criticize those leading the charge for painful but necessary reforms. Over and over, we've witnessed the same Republicans who led us into the national recession fight tooth and nail against Senator Durbin and President Obama's efforts to pull us out of it.

Let's be clear: Every dollar spent in a primary battle is a dollar not spent in our inevitable war against the Republican money machine in 2014. The last thing we need is a right wing, anti-worker Republican driving us back into recession.

Governor Quinn has earned our support for putting people to work with the largest (\$31 billion) capital construction program in Illinois history. His effort is laying the foundation for a stronger, better educated and more prosperous state.

Thanks to Governor Quinn's total commitment to public works, Illinois is rebuilding roads, bridges, schools and water systems statewide. These projects are creating thousands of jobs and restoring confidence in many discouraged communities.

But even as we repair our infrastructure, we know there is no easy fix to the economic problems facing our state. We understand that real recovery and reform takes time and courage. Here in Illinois, we're lucky to have a Governor with an unmatched record of fighting for the public interest and the common good.

Please join us in standing united behind Governor Quinn.

In Solidarity,

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