

August 9, 2007

Emil Jones, Jr.
President
Illinois Senate
327 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear President Jones:

We are asking that you not support the budget passed by the House today.

Any budget that does not increase access to affordable healthcare, increase sustainable funding for education, provide adequate funding for home care services for the elderly or include a capital program to repair roads and bridges throughout the State of Illinois should not be considered. We do not support the House budget and encourage you to keep working on a budget that meets the needs of working families.

Sincerely,



Ed Smith
Midwest President
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