



May 7, 2008

The Honorable John A. Fritchey:

On behalf of the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry Board of Directors, 700 business Members, I am writing to voice our opposition to HB773, Prevailing Wage Act. This bill jeopardizes the growth of all Enterprise Zones and TIF Districts and logistically, is contrary to their definition.

In accordance with the original intent of the Prevailing Wage Act, the Village of Downers Grove currently pays prevailing wages throughout its municipality. However, as proposed, this bill mandates the same from privately funded projects with the exception of single or multi-family owner/occupied projects.

This bill puts additional burden and obligation on business (contrary to the Appellate decision *Brandt Construction Co. v. Illinois Department of Labor*) and negates any incentive to either maintain or further develop the State of Illinois.

Please reconsider your sponsorship of this bill. Illinois has lost enough jobs to surrounding states!

Sincerely,

Laura Crawford
President & CEO