A TAX ON ADS... ATTACKS ILLINOIS SMALL BUSINESSES

A 10% TAX ON SMALL BUSINESS

- Applies to ads placed in newspapers, radio, TV, billboards, etc.
- Millions of dollars out of the pockets of those who rely on advertising to reach their customers
- Deterrent to aspiring entrepreneurs and new businesses



WHO IS HIT HARDEST?

This tax will be a nail in the coffin for small business, including:



IN SHORT: ILLINOIS' HARDWORKING, MIDDLE-CLASS COMMUNITY

ILLINOIS: STILL ANTI-BUSINESS?

As Illinois' business climate continues to suffer, a tax on advertising is counterintuitive to the pro-business policies currently being proposed by state leadership.

- Small businesses make up more than 98.2% of Illinois employers
- Cost passed down to consumers
- Drive even more businesses out of Illinois

AN AD TAX WILL CRIPPLE OUR ALREADY-FRAGILE ECONOMY

THE DEATH OF AN INDUSTRY

The effects of advertising:

- \$267 billion (17%) of state economic activity
- 900,000 jobs in Illinois
- An effective way for small businesses to market their goods and services

BUSINESSES WILL TURN TO NEIGHBORING STATES, WIPING OUT ADVERTISING AND ADVERTISING-RELATED JOBS IN ILLINOIS

A FLORIDA FAILURE

The Florida legislature passed an ad tax into law – the economic impact was devastating.

The tax resulted in a loss of:

- \$2.5 billion in personal income
- 50,000 jobs
- 12% in ad purchases
- \$100 million in advertising revenue

The law was a political nightmare and was repealed after just 6 months.

NOT A SINGLE STATE
APPLIES A TAX TO ADVERTISING

SAY NO TO A TAX ON ADVERTISING