



BUDGET AND TAX RELIEF

THE PROBLEM

Property taxes are at an all-time high. Illinois is a deadbeat State that has failed to pay the bills on time, leaving property taxpayers to pick up the slack. The State is in dire need of systemic tax reform that provides relief to property taxpayers, cuts wasteful government spending, and ensure timely payments to schools and health providers.

SENATOR NOLAND'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sen. Noland supported HB 174, which would have created an **overhaul of Illinois's outdated tax system**. The bill would have provided significant **property tax relief**, expanded the education expense tax credit, and tripled the **Earned Income Tax Credit** for Illinois taxpayers. At the same time, the bill would have warded off cuts to education, provided schools with an infusion of funds in subsequent years, and enabled the General Assembly to pass a balanced budget without relying on borrowing.
- Sen. Noland co-sponsored the most significant **public pension reform** bill in Illinois history. SB 1946, which became law, ends the abusive practice of "double dipping" and brings pension benefits for public employees more in line with the private sector's retirement benefits. The bill also frees up future revenue for tax relief, education, or other programs, after the reduction in pension costs.
- Sen. Noland voted twice to **oppose borrowing** billions of dollars to make the State's required pension payment. Illinois's unpaid pension debt has been accruing for decades as legislators voted for big spending over fiscal responsibility. Noland believes enough is enough – and it's time to pay down our debt so our children don't get stuck with the bill.
- Sen. Noland has consistently **opposed the unbalanced, big-spending budgets** in Springfield. He has spoken out for responsible, realistic solutions to the budget crisis. The structural deficit has been in the makings for many years and Noland is doing his part to dig us out.
- Sen. Noland supported **cuts to wasteful spending** and voted for increased accountability to taxpayers.

SENATOR NOLAND'S PLAN

Sen. Noland believes that the key to tax relief, budget sustainability, and adequately-funded schools is to hold the line on borrowing. Bond payments – particularly pension debt that has no associated revenue source – are eating up a growing portion of the revenue Illinois generates.

Sen. Noland will continue to be a strong voice for fiscal responsibility, government efficiency, budget reform, and property tax relief.