



JOBS AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY

THE PROBLEM

It's no secret that unemployment rates in Illinois and across the country have skyrocketed. A little over 10% of the State's population is out of work, struggling to find a meaningful source of income in order to provide for their families. High unemployment means fewer dollars re-invested in our economy.

SENATOR NOLAND'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sen. Noland fought for and passed the first **capital construction bill** in the State in over a decade to put people back to work. Nationwide, \$39 billion in capital funds were authorized and Illinois accounted for \$31 billion of that total. As these projects take off, they will jump start our economy and repair our crumbling infrastructure. Local projects included in the capital bill are:
 - \$40 million and 500 jobs for a building at Harper Community College in cooperation with local businesses.
 - \$18 million and 300 jobs for lifesaving access to St. Alexis Hospital at the I-90 Interchange and Barrington Road.
 - \$11 million and 200 jobs for tax credits for businesses that hire new employees in Elgin's Riverwalk redevelopment.
 - \$150,000 and 150 jobs to retain Siemens Energy in Elgin.
- Sen. Noland passed the law (Senate Bill 1578) creating the **Illinois Small Business Job Creation Tax Credit** to create 20,000 jobs. Small businesses that fill new positions throughout the year would be eligible for the \$2,500 tax credit. Small businesses that expand by hiring their first Illinois employee would also be qualified for the tax credit.
- Sen. Noland sponsored the **21st Century Workforce Development Fund Act** (House Bill 852), aimed at enhancing the skills of our workforce to compete in the changing economy. The law particularly targets the education needed to bolster our green economy and prepare individuals for the growing sector of employment in renewable energy industries.

SENATOR NOLAND'S PLAN

There is much more work to be done to boost employment rates. He supports measures to strengthen job training programs, support small businesses, and develop our workforce and infrastructure to adapt to the changing economy.

Sen. Noland also knows that businesses look closely at the quality of schools and the stability of government when deciding whether to expand or relocate. That's why he has fought to pass some of the most significant education funding reform legislation (including SB 2499, which would bring a \$22 million influx to school district U-46). He's also repeatedly opposed borrowing and unbalanced spending plans in order to bring fiscal stability back to Illinois.