

June 20, 2013

Dear Friends,

Last year, I promised to continue battling business as usual in Springfield and fix what's broken in our state. This included a strong commitment to pass meaningful pension reform that protects working men and women and retirees living on fixed incomes, and guarantees the financial stability of Illinois. I have a strong record of doing just that, which is why I sponsored SB2404 as a solution to our pension crisis, with savings of approximately \$57 billion.

It is crucial that Illinois reform its pension systems. But that reform must be fair, constitutional and provide significant cost savings. The last thing any of us want to do is to punish hard working men and women who have paid into the pension system and have devoted their lives to educating our children, fixing our roads and keeping our communities safe.

In order to move the pension issue forward, I voted yesterday to send a pension reform bill before a bipartisan conference committee. This committee will reconcile policy differences between the House and the Senate, and will ultimately draft a pension plan that both provides meaningful cost savings and remains fair to the hard working men and women who have earned their pensions.

I look forward to passing fair and meaningful pension reform so we can get Illinois back on track. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am more than happy to talk with you.

Sincerely,

Senator Dan Kotowski
28th District – Illinois