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# ILLINOIS CHAMBER

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## Chamber Holds Annual Luncheon

**Oct. 6, 2022** | We are happy to announce that three Illinois Chamber of Commerce members received awards from the **Illinois ESGR** during our Annual Luncheon held at the Palmer House on Thursday, October 6.

**Motorola Solutions** received the Above & Beyond Award in recognition of their generous pay policies when their reserve component servicemembers are away for training or deployment. Dan Reilly, Senior Vice President of Products, Service, and Sales Finance accepted the award from IL Chamber's VP of Business Services, Laurie Silvey, who currently serves as state chair for Illinois ESGR.

**United** Airlines was honored with an Extraordinary Employer Support Award. This award recognizes sustained employer support of the National Guard and Reserve service. **#United** received the Pro Patria award in 2015 and has continued to support

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its reserve component servicemembers in multiple ways. Richard Jones, President of the United For Veterans Business Resource Group accepted the award.



**Hanson Professional Services Inc.** received the Freedom Award in 2011. Since that time, Hanson has continued to support reserve component servicemembers. They have also acted as an advocate for the Employers who hire National Guard and Reserve. They were recognized with an Extraordinary Employer Support Award with CEO and Chair Sergio “Satch” Pecori accepting.



Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch took part in an informative Q&A session with President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Charles Evans discussing things such as the economy and inflation.

The Illinois Chamber was delighted to welcome House **Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch** and Senate Republican Leader **Dan McConchie** to our Annual Meeting this year. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to speak to our attendees.

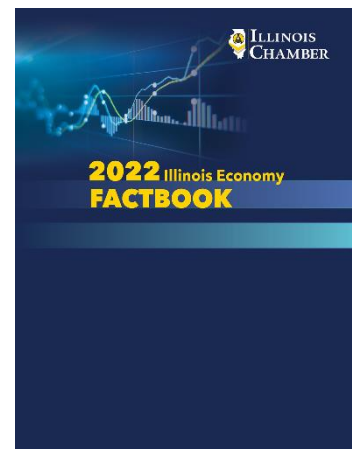


The Illinois Chamber was proud to award Jim Kaitschuk as the 2022 Tony Reinhart Champion of Free Enterprise. Thank you, Jim, for making Illinois a safer place to work and live!

## Chamber Publishes 2022 Factbook

**Oct. 12, 2022** | The Illinois Chamber is proud to present our new and innovative resource called the '2022 Illinois Economy Factbook.' This document is brought to you by the collective work of many of the Chamber Council Directors. In the Factbook, you will find charts, rankings, and other helpful economic-related data from each of our core policy areas. This is our first year with this project, and we would love to expand upon it in the future.

**[VIEW THE FACTBOOK HERE](#)**



## Maisch Speaks to Media on Important Issues



ABC 7 CHICAGO

**Oct. 17, 2022** | Todd Maisch, President and CEO of the Illinois

Chamber, discussed the unwavering Call to [#VOTENO](#) on the Workers' Rights Amendment with Craig Wall at [ABC 7 Chicago](#). "When most the rest of the Midwest is Right-to-Work...It sends a huge message to the rest of the nation Illinois is just not a very good pro-business, pro-employment place."

[Watch Here](#)

**Oct. 26, 2022** | Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch has unwaveringly pushed the Chamber's stance that Illinoisans [#voteno](#) on the "Workers' Rights Amendment."

[Read More](#)



**Oct. 27, 2022** | Illinois voters will have a say on the proposal to amend the Illinois Constitution to codify collective bargaining

rights. Recent polling shows support for the measure may fall short. Illinois Chamber of Commerce President Todd Maisch joins [Bishop On Air](#) to react.

**Nov. 2, 2022** | Chamber seeks reform as Illinois sees wave of immigrants entering state. Maisch comments to [The Center Square](#).

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**Nov. 29, 2022** | Following today's press conference, Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch applauds agreement on Unemployment Insurance.

### Illinois Chamber applauds agreement on Unemployment Insurance

Following today's press conference, Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch issued the following response:

"We were happy to participate in the negotiations that led to today's agreement on the unemployment insurance trust fund deficit," Maisch said. "Today's agreement illustrates the results that can be achieved when everyone works together cooperatively to tackle the big issues facing our state. As we head into an uncertain economy, employees will benefit from the minimization of tax increases."

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## Press Release

### Property Tax Update

**Oct. 18, 2022** | Thank you to Whitney Carlisle with O'Keefe Lyons & Hynes for providing our guests with an Illinois property tax update during the Chamber's Tax Quarterly Meeting, as well as Dakota Newton and Eric Fader with **Duane Morris LLP** for providing a multi-state sales and income tax update.



### Legislative Relations, Legal Reform & Workers' Rights



**Nov. 3, 2022** |  
Thank you,  
**U.S. Chamber**  
**Institute for**  
**Legal Reform,**  
for welcoming  
Clark  
Kaericher,  
Senior Vice  
President of the Illinois Chamber,

to Washington, D.C.'s premier legal reform summit, where attendees were given a fresh perspective and valuable information for global business communities.

**Nov. 2, 2022** | Andrew Cunningham, director of legislative relations for the Illinois Chamber, and Ryan Gleason, manager of the Great Lakes region's government affairs division for the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**, held a press conference this morning to announce both Chamber's support for **Regan Deering for Congress** in the Thirteenth Congressional District.



**Nov. 1, 2022** | The Illinois Chamber joined State **Rep. Tom Demmer** last week for a special announcement at Mel-O-Cream Donuts International, Inc. in Springfield. Demmer received the Chamber's official support in his campaign for State Treasurer.

**Nov. 7, 2022** | The Workers' Rights Amendment receives a "clear no," according to Jeff Risch, a partner with the legal firm **Amundsen Davis**, on **WTTW - Chicago PBS**. "There is no limit to what a public sector worker can negotiate and actually receive at the bargaining table through this amendment," Risch said. **#voteno**

[More Here](#)

**Infrastructure Council Talks Lobbying & Waterways**





**Nov. 21, 2022** | Illinois Chamber's Executive Director of Infrastructure, Andrew Cunningham, spoke to **Lutheran High School, Springfield, IL** students on the Chamber's advocacy process and how lobbying works at the State Capitol.

**Nov. 17, 2022** | Andrew Cunningham, executive director of Infrastructure for the Illinois Chamber, had the chance to attend the Brandon Road Interbasin Project Industry Day in Joliet. The Brandon Road project is a federal risk management strategy that includes a layered system of structural controls and non-structural measures to limit the effects on users and uses of waterways while preventing the transfer of aquatic invasive species from the Mississippi River Basin into the Great Lakes Basin.



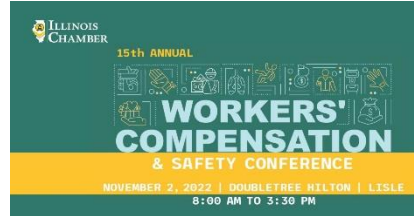
## Chamber Conferences & Taste of Chicago



**Oct. 24, 2022** | At the Illinois SHRM conference, Laurie Silvey, vice president of business services for the Illinois Chamber, had the privilege of speaking with numerous HR professionals who stopped by the IL Chamber exhibitor booth.



**Nov. 2, 2022** | Aaron Harris, executive director of the Illinois Chamber's Employment Law Council, kicked off our Annual Workers' Compensation Conference! [#ilworkcomp2022](#)



**Nov. 18, 2022** | During **CoreSite's** Taste of Chicago event, Executive Director of the Tax Institute, Keith Staats, and Chief Operating Officer, Candace Gerritsen, had the opportunity to tour the cutting-edge CH2 Data Center in Downtown Chicago.



**Dec. 6, 2022** | We hosted our 9th Annual New Laws Forum at the Doubletree Hilton in Lisle, which focused on new laws and legal changes that will impact all Illinois employers in 2023 and beyond. Government agency representatives discussed recent developments in how laws have affected and will affect their enterprises. In addition, the conference also featured Illinois attorneys and legal experts presenting on Illinois laws.

## Maisch Provides Summary of 2022 Veto Session

**Dec. 13, 2022** | The Environmental Affairs Committee of the Illinois Chamber conducted its virtual, fourth-quarter meeting. Todd Maisch, president and CEO of the Chamber, provided a summary of the 2022 Veto Session and a brief look into what's to come for 2023. Guest speaker, Melissa Brown with **HeplerBroom LLC**, provided an environmental regulatory update to all attendees.





## Chamber Driving the Discussion Fourth Quarter 2022

In the fourth quarter of 2022, we spoke to radio, television, and print media outlets, delivering pro-business values to audiences across Illinois.

### WORKERS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT

- [Illinois voters to weigh in on workers' rights amendment to codify collective bargaining rights](#)
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- [Workers' Rights Amendment Will Appear on Illinois Ballots. Here's What It Is](#)
- [Collective bargaining amendment brings national labor fight to Illinois ballot](#)
- [Illinois Chamber of Commerce opposes workers' rights amendment](#)
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- ['Workers' Rights Amendment' would codify unions' gains in Illinois](#)
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- [A team effort](#)
- [What is the worker's rights amendment?](#)
- [Labor vs. big business\(man\)? Most corporate interests AWOL in battle with unions over workers rights amendment](#)
- [Poll: Most Illinois voters support workers' rights](#)
- [A guide to the Workers' Rights Amendment, this election's referendum for Illinois](#)
- [Illinois business groups oppose proposed amendment to enshrine collective bargaining rights](#)
- [2 BUSINESS GROUPS SAY VOTERS NEED TO REJECT AMENDMENT 1 TO FIX ILLINOIS](#)
- [3 BUSINESS GROUPS SAY VOTERS NEED TO REJECT AMENDMENT 1 TO FIX ILLINOIS](#)
- [Amendment 1, the workers' right amendment, 'yes' votes ahead in Illinois election count](#)
- [Illinois Voters to Decide If Workers' Rights Amendment Will Be Added to State Constitution](#)
- [Illinois Amendment 1: Some waiting for certified tally while supporters claim victory](#)
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- [Workers' Rights Amendment Passes in Illinois, AP Projects](#)
- [Illinois Is Pushing Back Against the Anti-Union Tide](#)

## OCTOBER 2022

- [Illinois Chamber on Midwest Hydrogen Coalition: 'It seems to be a bit muddled](#)
- [What is the Midwest Hydrogen Coalition?](#)
- [Here's what to expect from Mayor Lori Lightfoot's budget speech](#)
- [IL Chamber of Commerce endorses Mendoza](#)
- [Lightfoot's 'bold' budget](#)
- [CITGO Participates in Illinois Chamber Future of Energy Panel](#)
- [Letters to the editor 10-13-22](#)
- [Illinois Chamber looks for fiscal discipline in state budget](#)
- [Top of the Illinois ballot: What to know about the Workers' Rights Amendment](#)
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- [Chicago fed president sees higher interest rates bringing higher unemployment](#)
- [The Illinois 48th District Senate race gets heated as candidates lob attack advertising](#)
- [Illinois voters will decide on workers' rights constitutional amendment](#)
- [What I heard when I came to Chicago](#)
- [Illinois Voters Could Enshrine Labor Rights in State Constitution in November Election](#)
- [Illinois Chamber of Commerce still concerned about unemployment debt](#)
- [Illinois gets \\$7 million for unemployment system upgrades as debt persists](#)
- [U.S. Chamber Endorses Regan Deering for Illinois' 13th Congressional District](#)
- [State of the Unions](#)
- [Endorsement Guide for the 2022 Illinois General Election](#)

- [New Poll: races tightening](#)
- [Lawmaker, hemp producer vying to fill Rockford area senate seat clash on guns, crime](#)
- [Chamber's choice](#)
- [Illinois has a brain drain problem](#)
- [More wealthy, young professionals moving out of Illinois than moving in, new survey finds](#)
- [Duckworth, Salvi and Da Bears](#)
- [Illinois Chamber of Commerce backs candidates from both parties](#)
- [Illinois Chamber of Commerce backs Demmer for Treasurer](#)
- [Latest Poll Shows Workers' Rights Amendment, Opposed by Illinois Chamber and Other Pro-Growth Groups, Lacks Strong Voter Support.](#)

## NOVEMBER 2022

- [Education, taxes at the forefront for candidates vying for state representative sea](#)
- [Illinois Chamber of Commerce backs candidates from both major parties](#)
- [Regan draws a blank on term limits](#)
- [Chamber seeks reform as Illinois sees wave of immigrants entering state](#)
- [Illinois sees reduction in median household income](#)
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- [Chamber seeks immigration reform](#)
- [Census data shows Illinois income drop](#)
- [Millions Poured into State High Court Races Gain Parties Little](#)
- [Stakeholders see investments, costs in future energy sources](#)
- [Illinois plans to pay off rest of pandemic unemployment debt](#)
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## DECEMBER 2022

- [Illinois Is Pushing Back Against the Anti-Union Tide](#)
- [As Stellantis mulls Belvidere's future, Pritzker moves to sweeten new EV incentives](#)



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