

Responsible Budget Coalition

The **Responsible Budget Coalition** brings together many diverse organizations that represent and serve millions of Illinois residents.

We are committed to building the support needed to solve Illinois' budget crisis, prevent harmful cuts to essential public services, save jobs, eliminate the state's long-term structural deficit, and make taxes more fair.

The state has a moral and legal obligation to protect public safety, safeguard public health, strengthen our economy, and ensure that every individual has the opportunity to thrive. The current Illinois budget fails that test. It threatens or has already forced deep and damaging cuts to education, health care, human services, and public safety—the core responsibilities of state government—and undermines economic recovery by throwing thousands of Illinoisans out of work.

We call on every elected official in Illinois to acknowledge that this fiscal crisis, brought on by a long-standing structural budget deficit and an economic downturn, cannot be solved without significant new revenue. The revenue mix contained in HB 174—a comprehensive tax-reform package passed by the Illinois Senate and approved by a committee of the Illinois House—is the most responsible framework for such a solution.

We support this comprehensive tax reform, including a revenue increase at least equal to that proposed in HB 174. We call on legislators to enact it as soon as possible.

Access Living ~ Action Now ~ Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. ~ AFSCME Council 31 ~ AFSCME Retirees Chapter 31 ~ AIDS Foundation of Chicago ~ Alternative Schools Network ~ Anixter Center ~ The ARC of Illinois ~ Bethany for Children & Families ~ Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI) ~ The Center ~ Center for Tax & Budget Accountability ~ Chestnut Health Systems ~ Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness ~ Chicago Coalition for the Homeless ~ Chicago Jobs Council ~ Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network ~ Citizen Action/Illinois ~ Coalition of African, Arab, Asian, European and Latino Immigrants of Illinois ~ Connections for Abused Women and their Children ~ ED-RED (Education-Research-Development) ~ Family Focus ~ Federation for Community Schools ~ Gads Hill Center ~ Grassroots Collaborative ~ Grow Your Own Illinois ~ Health and Disability Advocates ~ Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights ~ Hesed House/PADS, Inc. ~ The Hope Institute for Children and Families ~ Housing Action Illinois ~ Housing Options of Evanston ~ Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention ~ Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans ~ Illinois Association for Gifted Children ~ Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights ~ Illinois Maternal & Child Health Coalition ~ Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living ~ Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs ~ Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA) ~ Lakeside Community Development Corporation ~ Large Unit District Association ~ League of Women Voters Illinois ~ Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND) ~ Lutheran Advocacy-Illinois ~ Lutheran Social Services of Illinois ~ NAMI of Greater Chicago ~ National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Illinois Chapter ~ Planned Parenthood of Illinois ~ Project IRENE ~ Project Oz ~ Protestants for the Common Good ~ Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law ~ SEIU Healthcare Illinois and Indiana ~ SEIU Illinois Council ~ South Cooperative Organization for Public Education ~ SouthSTAR Services ~ Supportive Housing Providers Association ~ Thresholds ~ UNITE HERE Local 1 ~ United Power for Action and Justice ~ Voices for Illinois Children ~ Women Employed ~ Youth Guidance ~ Youth Network Council

We can all do better.