

Illinois
House of Representatives

Freshman Representatives



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The 102nd Illinois General Assembly will include at least 27 freshmen members. By comparison, the 101st General Assembly had at least 47 freshmen at the start of it, with several more who joined the body in 2019 and 2020.

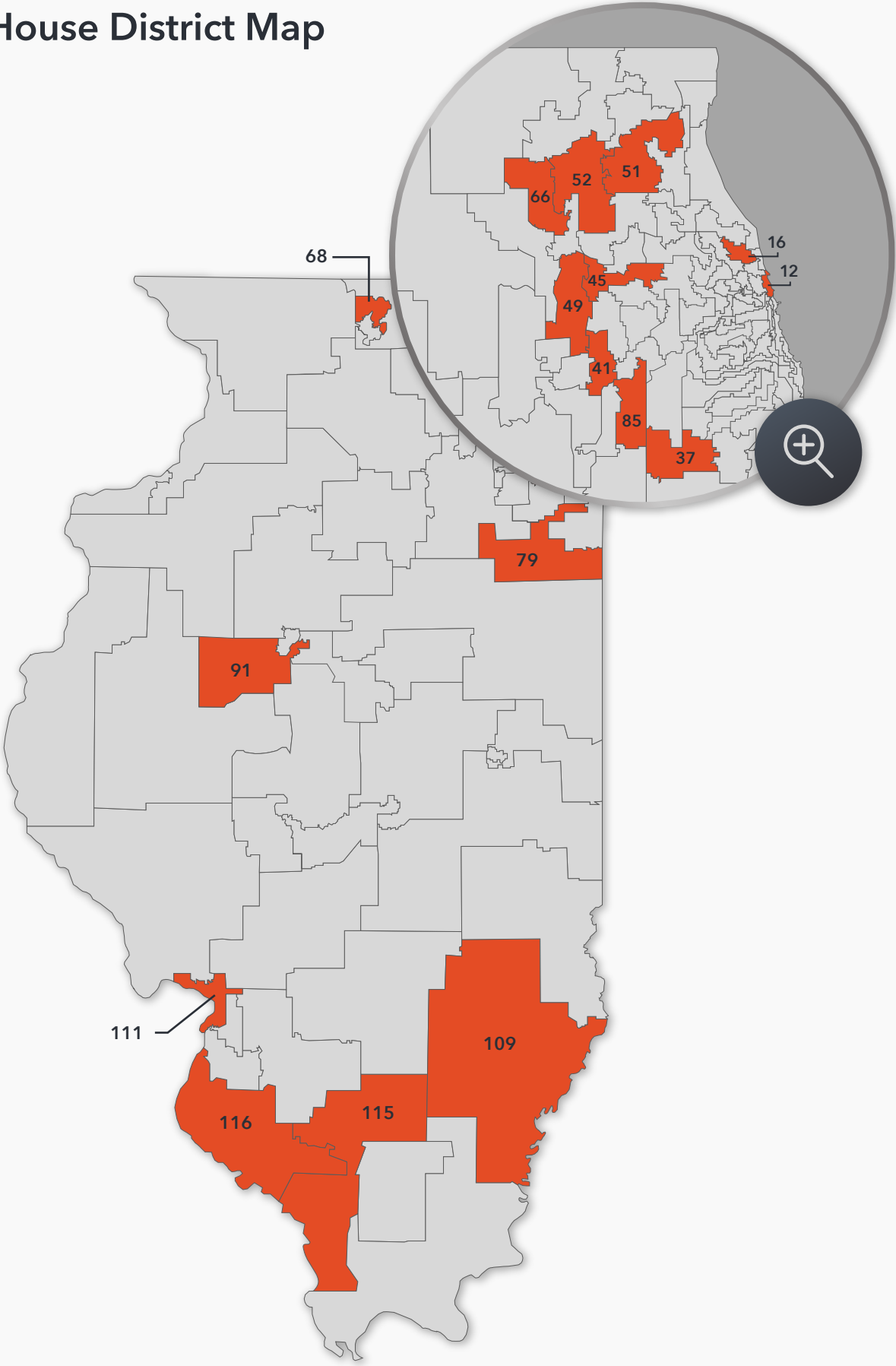
The House's political makeup for the 102nd General Assembly includes 74 Democrats and 44 Republicans.

In the House, this year's freshman class includes seven Democrats and 10 Republicans. The freshmen members will be replacing a departing class that includes four House lawmakers who are joining the Senate.

The Daily Line's freshman guide offers a concise overview of this year's class of newcomers. The information included in the guide is based on public records and the member's campaign and legislative websites.

Throughout the legislative session, this guide will be updated to reflect newly available information.

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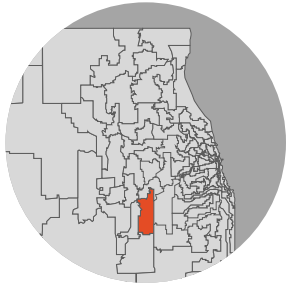


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Dagmara "Dee" Avelar

33 years old



District 85	Party Democrat	Twitter @deeforIL85	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Bolingbrook

Predecessor (Party)

John Connor (Dem)

Previous work/career

Programs director for the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

Previous experience in public office

n/a

Major endorsements

Illinois AFL-CIO, Illinois SEIU, Planned Parenthood, Illinois Sierra Club, Moms Demand Action

Top Issues

Veterans, seniors, infrastructure, environment, human services, taxes, health care, education

Top donors

SEIU Illinois, LIUNA Chicago Laborers' District Council, Planned Parenthood

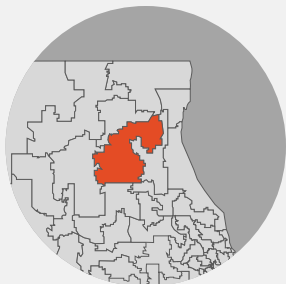
Committees

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Chris Bos

Age: updated soon



District 51	Party Republican	Twitter @chris_bos	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Lake Zurich

Predecessor (Party)

Mary Edly-Allen (Dem)

Previous work/career

Pastor

Previous experience in public office

Ela township trustee

Major endorsements

National Federation of Independent Business - Illinois

Top Issues

Taxes, economics, finances, corruption, pro-life

Top donors

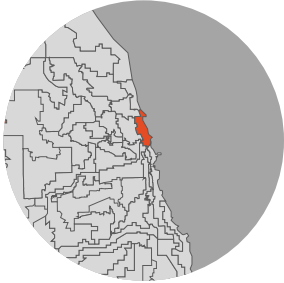
NFIB Illinois, Illinois Opportunity Project

Committees

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Margaret Croke
Age: updated soon



District 12	Party Democrat	Twitter @croke4illinois	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Chicago

Predecessor (Party)

Yoni Pizer (Dem)

Previous work/career

Deputy chief of staff for Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Previous experience in public office

n/a

Major endorsements

Illinois AFL-CIO, Chicago Federation of Labor, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Planned Parenthood, Illinois Sierra Club

Top Issues

LGBTQ, jobs/economy, reproductive rights/women's health, taxes, ethics, gun violence, environment

Top donors

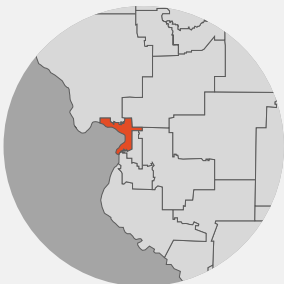
AT&T, SEIU Illinois, Illinois Hospital Association, SEIU HealthCare, Illinois Federation of Teachers

Committees

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Amy Elik
48 years old



District 111	Party Republican	Twitter n/a	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Alton

Predecessor (Party)

Monica Bristow (Dem)

Previous work/career

Certified public accountant

Previous experience in public office

Foster township trustee

Major endorsements

Illinois Family Action, National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois

Top Issues

Education, pro-life, 2nd Amendment, taxes

Top donors

NFIB Illinois, ILlinois Opportunity Project

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David Friess

52 years old



District 116	Party Republican	Twitter n/a	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Red Bud

Predecessor (Party)

Nathan Reitz (Dem)

Previous work/career

attorney, Air Force veteran

Previous experience in public office

n/a

Major endorsements

National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois

Top Issues

Taxes, 2nd Amendment, pro-life

Top donors

Ken Griffin, AT&T, NFIB Illinois, Illinois Chamber

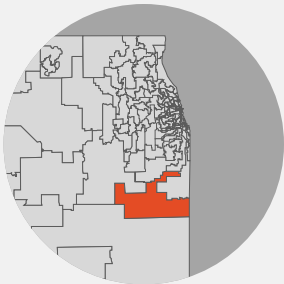
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Jackie Haas

Age: updated soon



District 79	Party Republican	Twitter n/a	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Burbonnais

Predecessor (Party)

Lindsay Parkhurst (GOP)

Previous work/career

CEO of The Helen Wheeler Center for Community Mental Health

Previous experience in public office

Kankakee County board member

Major endorsements

National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois

Top Issues

Taxes, ethics, healthcare

Top donors

AT&T, NFIB Illinois

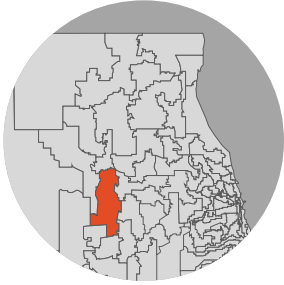
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Maura Hirschauer

Age: updated soon



District 49	Party Democrat	Twitter @votemaura	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Batavia

Predecessor (Party)

Karina Villa (Dem)

Previous work/career

Community organizer/activist

Previous experience in public office

n/a

Major endorsements

Chicago Federation of Labor, Illinois Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood, Illinois Federation of Teachers

Top Issues

Economy/taxes, health care, education, transparency, equality, gun reform, environment

Top donors

Associated Fire Fighters, Illinois Federation of Teachers, SEIU Illinois, Gov JB Pritzker

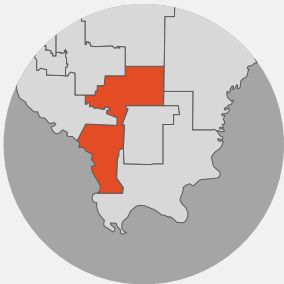
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Paul Jacobs

Age: updated soon



District 115	Party Republican	Twitter @PaulJacobsIL	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Murphysboro

Predecessor (Party)

Terri Bryant (GOP)

Previous work/career

Optometrist

Previous experience in public office

n/a

Major endorsements

Illinois Family Action, National Rifle Association, National Federation of Independent Business - Illinois

Top Issues

Pro-life, 2nd Amendment, term limits, taxes, redistricting reform

Top donors

Associated Beer Distributors of IL, Illinois Optometric Association,

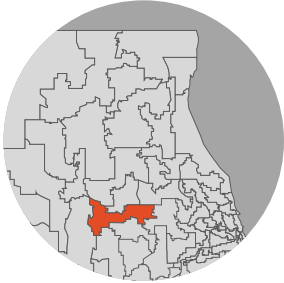
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Seth Lewis

Age: updated soon



District
45

Party
Republican

Twitter
@votesethlewis

Phone
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Email
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Residence

Bartlett

Predecessor (Party)

Diane Pappas (Dem)

Previous work/career

Businessman

Previous experience in public office

n/a

Major endorsements

n/a

Top Issues

Corruption, education, economics

Top donors

Illinois Opportunity Project, Illinois Chamber, Ken Griffin

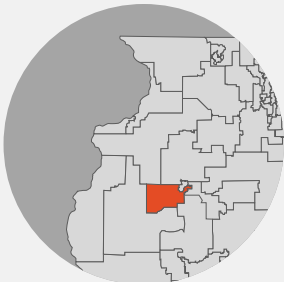
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Mark Luft

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District
91

Party
Republican

Twitter
n/a

Phone
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Residence

Pekin

Predecessor (Party)

Mike Unes (GOP)

Previous work/career

Elected official

Previous experience in public office

Mayor of Pekin

Major endorsements

Illinois Federation of Teachers,
National Rifle Association, Illinois
AFL-CIO

Top Issues

Ethics reform, finances, economics

Top donors

Illinois Retired Teachers, Peoria
Police PAC, Realtor PAC

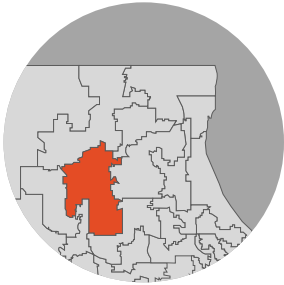
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Martin McLaughlin

Age: updated soon



District
52

Party
Republican

Twitter
@MartyForIL

Phone
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Email
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Residence

Barrington Hills

Predecessor (Party)

David McSweeney (GOP)

Previous work/career

Businessman

Previous experience in public office

Barrington Hills village president

Major endorsements

Illinois Family Action, National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois

Top Issues

Property taxes, ethics, corruption

Top donors

Associated Beer Distributors of IL, AT&T

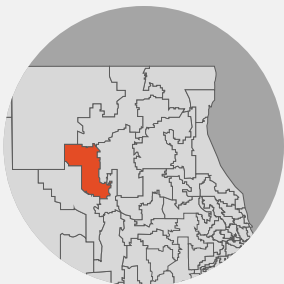
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Suzanne Ness

Age: updated soon



District
66

Party
Democrat

Twitter
@suzanne_for66

Phone
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Email
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Residence

Crystal Lake

Predecessor (Party)

Allen Skillicorn (GOP)

Previous work/career

Business owner/entrepreneur

Previous experience in public office

McHenry County board member

Major endorsements

Illinois Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Illinois AFL-CIO

Top Issues

Property taxes, corruption, infrastructure, health care, environment

Top donors

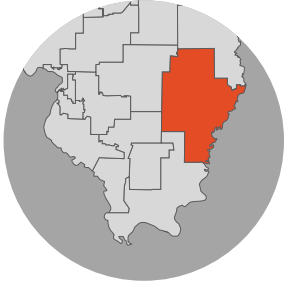
Associated Fire Fighters, Illinois Federation of Teachers, SEIU Illinois, Gov JB Pritzker

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Adam Niemerg
Age: updated soon



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Residence

Dieterich

Predecessor (Party)

Darren Bailey (GOP)

Previous work/career

Claims adjustor

Previous experience in public office

n/a

Major endorsements

Illinois Family Action, National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois, National Rifle Association, Illinois Federation for Right to Life

Top Issues

Pension reform, pro-life, 2nd Amendment, business

Top donors

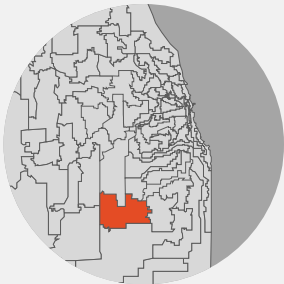
Realtor PAC, Illinois State Medical Society PAC, AT&T

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Tim Ozinga
34 years old



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Residence

Mokena

Predecessor (Party)

Margo McDermed (GOP)

Previous work/career

Co-owner of Ozinga

Previous experience in public office

Mokena Community Park District board secretary

Major endorsements

National Rifle Association, National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois, Illinois Federation for Right to Life

Top Issues

Taxes, ethics reform

Top donors

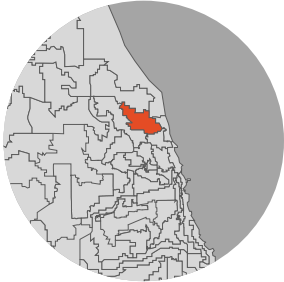
Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois, IL Road Builders, IL State Medical Society PAC, NFIB Illinois, Illinois Chamber

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Denyse Stoneback
Age: updated soon



District 16	Party Democrat	Twitter @DenyseRep	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Skokie

Predecessor (Party)

Yehiel Mark Kalish (Dem)

Previous work/career

Community leader/activist

Previous experience in public office

n/a

Major endorsements

Planned Parenthood, Chicago Teachers Union, Illinois Sierra Club, Illinois Federation of Teachers

Top Issues

Gun violence, pro-choice, taxes, education, environment, transparency, health care, criminal justice

Top donors

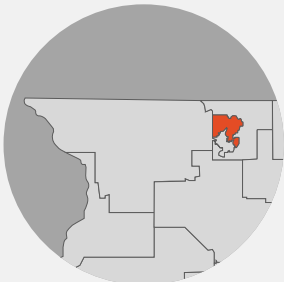
Cook County College Teachers Union, IFT Cope

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Dave Vella
Age: updated soon



District 68	Party Democrat	Twitter @electdavevella	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Rockford

Predecessor (Party)

John Cabello (GOP)

Previous work/career

Attorney

Previous experience in public office

n/a

Major endorsements

Planned Parenthood, Illinois Sierra Club, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Illinois AFL-CIO

Top Issues

COVID-19, crime, finances, education, jobs/economy, infrastructure, health care, accountability, property taxes

Top donors

IBEW Local 364, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Laborers' Political League Education Fund, Gov. JB Pritzker, SEIU Illinois

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Janet Yang Rohr
Age: updated soon



District 41	Party Democrat	Twitter @jyangrohr	Phone updated soon	Email updated soon
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Residence

Naperville

Predecessor (Party)

Grant Wehrli (GOP)

Previous work/career

Global data director at Morningstar

Previous experience in public office

Naperville District 203 School Board member

Major endorsements

Illinois Federation of Teachers, Illinois AFL-CIO, Planned Parenthood, Moms Demand Action

Top Issues

Health care, women's rights, taxes, education, environment, good government

Top donors

Associated Fire Fighters, Illinois Federation of Teachers, SEIU Illinois, Gov JB Pritzker

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