



VOTE "NO" ON INTERNET GAMING

(Senate Bill 1656 & House Bill 2239)

**Protect Illinois' Union Jobs, Small Businesses,
Veterans Organizations & Local Governments**

Internet gaming in Illinois could ruin Illinois' video gaming industry--an industry that provides nearly \$1 billion in revenue annually, supports thousands of small businesses, funds good-paying union jobs, and provides gaming tax revenues to local governments across the state.

I-Gaming Threatens Illinois Jobs

In 2019, Illinois created a multi-billion dollar capital construction bill – backed by video gaming revenues – that is funding good-paying, rewarding careers for working families. I-Gaming would threaten those jobs and shift revenues outside of Illinois.

Organized labor OPPOSES I-Gaming:

- Illinois AFL-CIO • Chicago Federation of Labor • Operating Engineers Local 150 • Operating Engineers Local 399
- Laborers International Union of North America • Chicago Laborers District Council
- Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council • Organized Labor across Illinois

I-Gaming Will Hurt Illinois' Small Businesses & Veterans Groups

8,550 Illinois taverns, restaurants, truck stops, fraternal and veteran organizations benefit every day from their share of video gaming revenues. They employ workers, pay taxes, and spend their money locally. I-Gaming doesn't share revenue with these businesses - it would threaten their revenues and put people out of work.

Illinois' Small Business Community OPPOSES I-Gaming:

- Illinois Licensed Beverage Association • Illinois Fuel & Retail Association
- Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association • Support Main Street Illinois Coalition
- Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association • Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois
- Wine & Spirits Distributors of Illinois • Breakthru • Southern Glazers

I-Gaming Will Take Away from Local Communities

Towns, villages, and cities across Illinois receive a 5% share of video gaming tax revenues to help fund their municipal services but are shut out under I-Gaming.



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	Video Gaming	SB 1656 & HB 2239
Supports good-paying union jobs for thousands of Illinoisians by funding billions of dollars in road and community projects in every Illinois community.		
Provides jobs and revenue for 8,300+ small businesses, including taverns, restaurants, truck stops, fraternal and veterans' organizations.		
Provides gaming tax revenue for public safety and infrastructure investment in over 1,100 local governments.		
Provides a financial lifeline to veterans organizations across Illinois.		
Supported by Illinois' labor organizations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois AFL-CIO • Chicago Federation of Labor • Operating Engineers Local 150 • Operating Engineers Local 399 • Laborers International Union of North America • Chicago Laborers District Council • Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council • Organized Labor across Illinois 		
Supported by employers in every district, represented by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois Licensed Beverage Association • Illinois Fuel & Retail Association • Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association • Support Main Street Illinois Coalition • Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association • Associated Beer Distributors of Illinois • Wine & Spirits Distributors of Illinois • Breakthru • Southern Glazers 		
Reinvests back into Illinois' economy to support local workers and businesses.		
Gaming Taxation Rate	34%	15%

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