

## Stand Up for Legislators Who Supported the Capital Plan

*Call to Action*

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## IMMEDIATE CALL TO ACTION FOR MEMBERS: Stand Up for Legislators Who Supported the Capital Plan

Several legislators are facing harsh criticism, particularly those who voted across party lines in favor of raising the State's gas tax. IRTBA is asking members to turn to all of your social media channels and give these legislators a boost, publicly and privately thanking them for their vote, and noting to the public the benefits -- namely mobility/reliability, safety, quality of life improvements, and economic competitiveness -- that having a well-funded infrastructure network will bring to Illinois.

**The goal is not to argue with anyone or start any debates, but to show a positive wave of support.** There are a few examples of short, positive messaging included below. Members can copy and paste or elaborate with anecdotal information specific about themselves, their communities, or their businesses.

The following legislators are really in need your support. Please specifically comment on any posts related to the Capital Bill or Gas Tax Increase. Links to their social media channels are next to their names below. **IRTBA is deeply grateful to those willing to carve out some time to support our legislators during this critical time.**

### Representatives

McDermid ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )  
Keicher ( [FB](#) )  
Reick ( [FB](#) )  
Villa ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )  
Villanueva ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )  
Durkin ( [FB](#) )

### Representatives

Buckner ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )  
Tarver ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )  
Robinson ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )  
Slaughter ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )  
Smith ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )  
Didech ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )

### Senators

Syverson ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )  
Stadelman ( [FB](#) ) ( [Twitter](#) )

Please, if you also have the time to visit the social media accounts of the legislators in the community of the business you work in and your personal legislators who voted to support transportation investment, be sure to comment on any infrastructure related post to show your support for their tough vote. We have attached the House roll call [here](#) , and the Senate roll call [here](#) .

## Messaging Examples:

Transportation is directly connected to our QUALITY OF LIFE and our PERSONAL SAFETY. To me, those things are priceless. Thank you for your support of infrastructure improvements.

I am grateful that our area can rest a little easier knowing there will be substantial money allocated for much-needed safety and mobility improvements for our highway and transit systems. THANK YOU!

Thank you for your commitment and support of infrastructure. This plan means that Illinois can remain competitive as an integral part of the country's infrastructure system. This will not only improve our transportation systems, but will also create tens-of-thousands of new jobs.

We ALL take our modes of transportation and our mobility for granted. Think about how difficult your life would be if you got a flat tire everyday because there are potholes everywhere, or if your whole commute was up-ended and extended because a bridge could no longer hold the weight of cars and trucks. Or if because a highway bridge was out, that your local community was trampled by a mass amount of vehicle and truck traffic. It sure wouldn't make our lives easier to run even the simplest errand. I personally am grateful for the YES vote.

Injecting more money into transportation leads to hiring more workers in the field. In turn, those workers indirectly also support the local economies of the communities they're working in. Making sure that transportation is adequately funded is paramount to Illinois' economic competitiveness. Thank you for focusing state investment on such an integral part of our communities.