

Statement

...from State Representative Al Riley

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Riley Responds to Governor Quinn's Budget Proposal

Springfield, IL – State Rep. Al Riley (D-Olympia Fields) issued the following statement in response to Gov. Pat Quinn's budget proposal presented before the Illinois General Assembly on Wednesday.

“Illinois is facing an unprecedented budget deficit caused by the mismanagement of the previous administration along with a severe economic downturn. In the face of all of these challenges, Gov. Quinn has presented a budget that is not ideal, but it is a good starting point for this year's budget negotiations. His proposal increases governmental transparency and accountability while eliminating government waste. I am encouraged by his desire to increase education funding and his commitment to building a third airport in the Chicago region.

“The governor spoke with passion about issues I care deeply about. His proposal attempts to implement many cuts in state government spending while leaving vital services intact. I will continue to examine the specifics of his plan and gather as much feedback as possible from my constituents as the budget-making process moves forward. We all need to pull together for the sake of the state and pass a budget that is best for the people of Illinois.”

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