

Straight Facts

ABOUT OUR Candidates



**GOV. ROD
BLAGOJEVICH**

GOV. BLAGOJEVICH FIGHTS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

✓ Created Thousands of Jobs. Gov. Blagojevich supported the O'Hare Airport Modernization Act, creating 195,000 jobs. He supported tax incentives to lure the film industry back to Illinois to create thousands of jobs and boost local retail and hospitality industries. (93-0450, 8/6/03; 93-0543, 1/1/04)

✓ Increased Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Benefits. Gov. Blagojevich created pro-worker changes to the Workers' Compensation Act, including direct benefit increases and delivery improvements. He restored solvency to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and allowed more unemployed workers to qualify for unemployment benefits. (94-0277, 7/20/05; 93-0364, 12/31/03)

✓ Protected Collective Bargaining. Gov. Blagojevich protected public-sector workers' freedom to form unions and restored bargaining rights for public school system workers and City Colleges employees. He granted collective bargaining rights to 20,000 homecare workers. (93-0444, 8/5/03; 93-0003, 4/16/03; 8-2003, 3/4/03)



**JUDY BAAR
TOPINKA**

JUDY BAAR TOPINKA HAS FAILED WORKING FAMILIES

■ Opposed Creating Thousands of Jobs. Topinka voted against preserving 6,000 coal miners' jobs and against expanding the McCormick Place convention center, denying us 7,500 construction jobs and 11,000 permanent jobs. She voted against the Lake Calumet Airport, which would have created 225,000 jobs at that time. (S.B. 629, 1991; S.B. 497, 1991; H.B. 2833)

■ Cut Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Benefits. Topinka voted to create a Workers' Compensation advisory panel that did not include labor representation and repeatedly voted to cut workers' compensation benefits. She supported a bill that would have frozen maximum unemployment insurance benefit levels, taken \$500 million from the unemployment insurance trust fund and reduced the 26-week unemployment insurance period. (S.J.R. 82, 1993; H.B. 2274, 1982; S.B. 1070, 1983; H.B. 334, H.B. 228, 1981)

■ Stripped Collective Bargaining Rights. Topinka refused to grant collective bargaining rights to state employees and Chicago public school teachers and staff, and voted against a labor-sponsored amendment to put collective bargaining protections back in the RTA reorganization bill. (H.B. 1873, 1982; H.B. 525, 1993; H.B. 2519, 1982)

CHECK THE FACTS. GET THE RECORDS.

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