

TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT PLEDGE

I, Edward K Rutledge, believe that Illinois citizens deserve a more transparent and accountable government, with easy access to information about how the government spends taxpayer dollars.

Transparency legislation has served as a successful reform in numerous villages, cities, counties and states across the nation, as well as at the federal level. Therefore, I will join the effort in bringing transparency to the State of Illinois in 2010, and pledge to the taxpayers I will:

Support any and all efforts to implement greater transparency at all levels of government;

Support any and all efforts to implement full, comprehensive transparency in government, requiring open budget books on one, easy-access, searchable and user-friendly website. This website would include all expenditures, including contracts and grants, and would provide details of payments, their purpose and who authorized the payment;

Engage in full disclosure of all my spending decisions and make revenue and expenditure data as open, transparent, and publicly accessible as possible.

Signed  Date 5/27/2010

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