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VOTE YES ON SB 1729:

ILLINOIS SMALL BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS NEED A COMPETITIVE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET TO FIGHT RISING HEALTH COSTS

SB 1729 will create a health insurance exchange that will make costs more predictable by allowing small businesses and individuals to pool their buying power so insurers compete for their business.

SB 1729 will benefit small businesses and families by:

- **Lowering health care premiums** by strengthening the bargaining power of small business owners and individuals
- **Make costs for small businesses more predictable** by creating a large pool of consumers; one sick employee is less likely to spike costs.
- Giving small businesses and individuals a **more transparent choice of plans** that they can easily compare on price and quality.

Now is the time to act and create an exchange marketplace

- SB 1729 is based on more than 6 months of public hearings and stakeholder meetings that included patient and family advocates, employers, insurers, providers and producers.
- Failing to create a governing board will mean **\$150-200 million lost in federal funds** to implement the program.
- Other states have already taken similar action, including Utah and California and more are considering proposals including Kansas, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

HB 1577 denies consumers the competitive marketplace they need

HB 1577, a competing proposal, does not include a governance plan while making unnecessary, pre-emptive policy decisions that will weaken the power of small businesses to negotiate for lower prices.

