

FACT SHEET

TO: State Representatives
FROM:
RE: HB 750
DATE: April 10, 2007

HB 750 is before the Illinois House of Representatives for a vote. It contains a number of important provisions. Perhaps the most important would be extending the State sales tax to many providers of specific services.

In particular, all companies providing security services: alarm contractors, security and guard firms, locksmiths and detectives. We strongly oppose those provisions in HB 750 which tax services provided by those companies. Our reasons are:

1. Home rule cities and Cook County would likely extend their local sales taxes to these same providers.
2. All of the above are already licensed and regulated by the State,
3. A tax on these local service providers is a tax on small business, thereby adversely affecting local economies.
4. Why are vital security services being taxed and not others?
5. These firms are also facing the prospect of a gross receipts tax, a payroll tax and greatly increased utility costs.

NOTE: The local companies subject to service taxes employ local people, pay local property and other taxes and contribute to local charities.

We urge you to vote "NO" on HB 750 as long as the service taxes are a part of it.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing your position on this issue which is very critical to me and to my employees. To us it is a matter of SURVIVAL.