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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENDORSES CONTINUATION OF SURCHARGE

CHICAGO--The Illinois State Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors today endorsed continuation of the Income-Tax Surcharge.

The action was reported by Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives, who serves as a member of the State Chamber Board.

Rives is attending the Chamber Board Meeting today in Chicago.

"The Chamber's endorsement of making the Income Tax Surcharge permanent," said Rives, "is contingent upon the use of proceeds for education and local government." The Chamber attached three other conditions to its support: meaningful school reform, implementation of accountability legislation and property tax reform.

"I am extremely pleased," said Rives, "that the State Chamber of Commerce has changed its position from previous years.

"When the temporary surcharge was first enacted, the State Chamber was opposed to it, although our local Chamber of Commerce endorsed it. Today's action represents a much more progressive stance by the State Chamber of Commerce."