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## **GROW-IL Announces Agreement on Hydraulic Fracturing Legislation**

SPRINGFIELD, IL - GROW-IL (Growing Resources and Opportunity for the Workforce in Illinois) coalition applauds business, labor, environmental and transportation groups for coming together this week to fashion an agreement to develop common-sense hydraulic fracturing regulations for Illinois. The Coalition believes this growing industry will create thousands of good, high paying jobs across Illinois, generate hundreds of millions of dollars for the state and put in place important environmental safeguards.

“GROW-IL is pleased that such a diverse group was able to come together and put forth well-rounded hydraulic fracturing legislation,” said Mark Denzler, Vice President & COO, Illinois Manufacturers’ Association. “After very long and detailed negotiations, everyone put the people of Illinois first and came together to establish a hydraulic fracturing regulations that will create jobs, stimulate the economy and provide regulations to protect our environment, all of which will have a significant impact on Illinois.”

"The working men and women of organized labor appreciate the hard work by all parties that has gone into this significant agreement," said Michael T. Carrigan, President of the Illinois AFL-CIO. "This will result in good-paying jobs for working families in Illinois."

The coalition will enthusiastically support the compromise reflected in HB 2615, Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act, as it moves through the legislative process, and looks forward to participating in one of the most comprehensive hydraulic fracturing practices in the country.

“The industry is ready and willing to explore and produce in Illinois under the negotiated agreement,” said Brad Richards, president of the Illinois Oil and Gas Association. “I want to thank Representative Bradley and Reis and others for keeping the ball moving on these difficult discussions – we could not have gotten across the goal line without their leadership.”

### **Coalition Members**

Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Illinois AFL-CIO  
Illinois Petroleum Council  
Illinois Retail Merchants Association  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois  
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Association of Convenience Stores  
Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association  
Illinois Oil & Gas Association  
Illinois Railroad Association  
Illinois Assoc. of Aggregate Producers  
Illinois American Water  
U.S. Steel Corporation  
Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association  
Illinois Trucking Association  
Mid-West Truckers Association  
Southwest Illinois Employers Association  
Illinois State Council of Operating Engineers

American Chemistry Council  
Illinois Business Roundtable  
Consumer Energy Alliance  
IBEW Local #134  
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### **ABOUT GROW-IL**

GROW-IL is a diverse coalition of more than two dozen business, labor, construction, transportation and agricultural organizations focused on developing common sense hydraulic fracturing legislation in Springfield and are led by three co-chairs: Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Illinois AFL-CIO and the Illinois Petroleum Council. For more information, visit [www.grow-il.org](http://www.grow-il.org)