

Dear Friends,

I'm reaching out to you today for the purpose of requesting your support for a mission of extreme importance. The mission being to help reclaim our state from the clutches of the self-serving political culture that has gripped Illinois state government for decades. A culture of corruption that if not stopped will recover from the exposure of Rod Blagojevich and increasingly hinder the lives of Illinois citizens for generations to come.

We can no longer simply shake our heads in disgust at the shameless tactics of the likes of Mr. Blagojevich and most recently Acting Governor Pat Quinn who has made promises of measurable reform and cleanup with little or no actual results. Quinn's hollow promises also underscore that it's not enough to hope that a politician will step up and do the right thing even under the weight of embarrassing scandal.

The words of British statesman, Edmond Burke, with a little adaptation by me, sum up what has happened here in Illinois and call us to take action as citizens.

***"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good citizens do little or nothing."***

I started Reclaim Illinois because I desire to do all that I can to inform and encourage the citizens of this state to take action for honor, integrity and respect in our public servants! I believe we need servant leaders who truly care about the people they represent, and I seek to put forth a maximum effort toward these goals through the 2010 Primary (February 2nd) and General (November 2nd) elections which I believe are pivotal in achieving this change.

**What I would like you to consider is providing core monetary support for Reclaim Illinois on a monthly basis for 12 months beginning in October 2009 and running through Oct 2010.**

My hope is that a core group of supporters, such as yourself, will act as a catalyst toward reaching some key initial goals as follows:

First, Time is critical given the primary is only a few months away. A kick start of support will enable the purchase of materials such as banners, posters and fliers to begin reaching citizens around Illinois.

Second, enough sustained support will allow me to take an official leave of absence from my job through the 2010 November General elections and be on staff full time. Your support will help enable me to be a paid employee of Reclaim Illinois which has now been defined as a 527 "Qualified State or Local Political Organization (QSLPO)" with the IRS. I will then be able to devote the time required to plan, execute and coordinate efforts statewide through the pivotal events of the 2010 Primary (February 2nd) and General (November 2nd) elections as effectively as possible.

I welcome the chance to get together with you to discuss my passion for this effort at your convenience, I urge your involvement and I thank you for your consideration to invest in Reclaim Illinois. For more information visit [http://www.reclaimillinois.com/core\\_support.html](http://www.reclaimillinois.com/core_support.html)

Thank You,

Patrick Beard

P.S. If you know of others who may be willing to be supporters (Core or otherwise), please share this information and encourage their participation as well. Thx.