

TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT PLEDGE

I, Cary Mathews, believe that Illinois citizens deserve a more transparent and accountable government, with easy access to information about how the government spends taxpayer dollars.

Transparency legislation has served as a successful reform in numerous states across the nation as well as on the federal level. Therefore, I will join the effort in bringing transparency to Illinois government, and pledge to the taxpayers of the State of Illinois that I will:

Support any and all efforts to implement greater transparency at all levels of government;

Support any and all efforts to implement a full, comprehensive transparency program at the state level, requiring that the state and all units of government receiving state funds open up their books in one easy-access, searchable, and intuitive website. This website would include all expenditures, including contracts and grants, and will provide ready access to the details supporting such payments, their purpose and who authorized the payment;

Engage in full disclosure of all my spending decisions and make revenue and expenditure data as open, transparent, and publicly accessible as possible.

Signed *Cary Mathews* Date 25 February 2009

Witness *Sandra E. Korte* Witness _____



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