

A call for fair taxation

"Greed is good" goes the famous line from the movie "Wall Street." Indeed, for every corporation an element of greed is essential in surviving and excelling.

In a capitalistic society, we are accustomed to corporations being greedy. In return, the state is delighted the corporations reside there.

A tipping point occurs when successful corporations don't return a fair share of their profits. This is occurring today in Illinois.

Everyone is aware of the necessity to reform health care for the survival of both the state's population and the economic sector. Business as usual in health care is literally killing us. Illinois lacks the funds to change it.

Those who benefit from the current situation always scream no the loudest; 12,521 of the larger Illinois corporations paid less than \$2,000 in corporate taxes with sales of \$264 billion. That's \$2,000 altogether, not each. Another 37 of the Fortune 100 paid zero corporate taxes with \$1.2 billion in Illinois sales. At the same time, the average state resident paid \$1,500 in taxes. Do you want to continue paying their share of taxes?

Basic fairness is all the governor is asking. Look for independent sources to obtain information on the governor's Illinois Covered plan. The Chamber of Commerce is here to protect its biggest clients -- those not paying.

It's the state government's responsibility to protect the long-term interests of both residents and businesses. Tell your state legislator to resolve the health care issue during this legislative session. Everyone pays his fair share.

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