

Dear DeKalb County Republican Voter,

I am writing to endorse Crystal Loughran for Illinois State Representative in the primary race for the 76<sup>th</sup> Illinois House District. Crystal is a staunch conservative who has been endorsed by the Illinois Family Action Committee and the Republican heavy-weight Dean White. She will be your voice in Springfield while so many others just go along to get along. She is the leader and fighter we need downstate.

Crystal believes that Illinois needs to get its state taxes and property taxes in line with those of the surrounding states. Illinois is quickly losing its tax base as working individuals can no longer afford to pay the high prices associated with income tax and property taxes and consequently move to surrounding states. Due to its decision to become a sanctuary state, Illinois attracts many individuals who pay limited taxes, the tax burden falling upon the already overtaxed citizens of Illinois.

She is also tough on crime. When in Springfield, she will work diligently to repeal the No Cash Bail Law enacted a few years ago. Especially in the City of DeKalb, crimes involving theft, battery, and even murder have sadly become commonplace. A revolving door at the police station allows criminals back onto the streets within hours of their arrest. Crystal will fight to repeal the law that allows the release of repeat offenders wantonly put back on our streets to victimize even more people.

Anyone who pays the electric bill has been shocked by the skyrocketing cost of electricity over the last few years. Under the direction of Gov. Pritzker and with the consent of the General Assembly, clean coal plants have been closed in lieu of wind and solar energy. Crystal takes an all-of-the-above approach to solving the energy problems in our state. It is unrealistic to think that a state with one of the largest cities in the country can provide all its energy requirements adequately and at a low cost by limiting energy production to wind and solar. Crystal believes that clean coal, nuclear power and natural gas should never be taken off the table if we are to realistically provide our state's energy needs.

Finally, decreasing enrollment at NIU has cost our community greatly. It affects small DeKalb County restaurants, clothing stores, and grocery stores, and it reduces the number of professors and support staff moving into our community. Without a vibrant university, DeKalb County stagnates. Crystal has vowed to help make NIU the great learning institution that it used to be.

Voting in the primary is every bit as important as voting in the general election. It is the point at which we can stand up and say, "No more business as usual!" Please, vote for Crystal in the March 17 primary to give us a fighting chance in Springfield.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan F. Linnell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".