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Statement from Leading Business Groups on Gov. Pritzker Signing Sweeping Legal Overreach Legislation SB 328

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois' business community issued the following statement following Gov. JB Pritzker signing SB 328.

"We are disappointed that Gov. JB Pritzker did not take this opportunity to protect the citizens, business community and economy of Illinois by vetoing SB 328. By failing to reject this disastrous proposal, businesses and taxpayers will now be vulnerable to predatory lawsuits that will clog up our legal system and stymie our economic growth.

This measure, brought forth by trial lawyers in the final hours of the legislative session, creates a significant and concerning expansion of liability for out-of-state businesses operating in Illinois. Under this law, any company simply registered to do business in Illinois is subject to lawsuits, even when the underlying claims and parties have no connection to the state. Rather than moving to Illinois and creating new jobs and economic investment, many businesses will avoid our state entirely, undermining the momentum our state has worked so hard to create.

We urge Governor Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly to refocus their efforts on economic growth and expansion, which benefits all workers, families and communities."

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