



Moving Us Forward: Illinois Voices for Immigration Reform

Wednesday, August 14th, 2013

10:30am – Noon CDT

The Champaign County Chamber of Commerce
303 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign, IL 61820

Please join the [Illinois Business Immigration Coalition](#), the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the Bibles, Badges and Business Network for a panel discussion in support of common-sense immigration reform. This forum will foster a solutions-oriented conversation among leaders of the local business, agriculture, faith and law enforcement communities at this critical moment in the national debate on immigration reform.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Immigrants are nearly twice as likely as U.S.-born to start new businesses according to analysis of entrepreneurial activities between 1996 and 2008.
- Currently, 75 percent of hired agricultural workers in the United States are foreign born.
- The 2009 purchasing power of Illinois's Latinos totaled \$43.6 billion—an increase of 393.4% since 1990.
- Illinois' 59,367 Asian-owned businesses had sales and receipts of \$18.5 billion and employed 102,991 people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2007 Survey of Business Owners.

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Speakers to include:

- **Dave Bender** - Executive Director, American Council of Engineering Companies; Chair, Logan County Republican Party
- **Mark Curran**: Sheriff, Lake County
- **Mike Doyle**: Executive Director, University YMCA
- **Janet Rasmussen**: Pastor, First Mennonite Church, Champaign-Urbana

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