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We Are One Illinois Statement on Governor Pat Quinn and the Proposed Archer Daniels Midland Tax Break

The statement below is attributable to Michael T. Carrigan, president of the Illinois-AFL CIO, on behalf of the We Are One Illinois union coalition:

“Governor Pat Quinn's position on the attempt by one of our state's most profitable corporations to get a handout from Illinois taxpayers is baffling, troubling, and wrong.

"The governor would take the life savings of teachers, police, and other public employees and retirees, only to turn that money later into corporate welfare. That's a win for one big corporation but a devastating loss for hundreds of thousands of middle-class families across Illinois, not to mention another blow to the state's fiscal condition.

"Illinois' corporate elite push for unfair, illegal cuts to modest pensions promised to public employees and retirees, yet have no problem asking for handouts to pad their own bottom lines and pay huge bonuses to CEOs. Our coalition stands firmly in favor of closing wasteful tax loopholes to get our state back on the right fiscal track.”

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