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## **SUPPORT SB 103**

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## **Jobs, Savings and Clean Air**

Passed in 2007, Illinois' renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requires 25% of the state's power to come from clean sources by 2025. The RPS has attracted billions in investment:

- created approximately 20,000 jobs
- cut wholesale power costs by \$177 million
- eliminated more than 5 million tons of pollution

SB 103 fixes the RPS by simply moving all renewable energy costs from the energy side of the bill to the utility distribution side, and empowers the IPA to manage a cost-effective competitive procurement process. Rate caps remain in force and increased efficiencies ensure no additional costs for ratepayers or utilities.



## **SUPPORT HB 2615**

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## **Fracking Safeguards**

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is coming to Illinois this year and we currently have virtually no regulations in place for this procedure.

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a process where water, sand and (typically undisclosed) chemicals are injected underground at high pressure to create fractures into rock formation to release oil and gas deposits.

HB 2615 has comprehensive safeguards including:

- Strong water pollution protection
- Transparency and public participation mechanisms
- Grants DNR broad enforcement authority to inspect fracking sites, collect data, require testing or sampling



## **SUPPORT SB 1042**

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# **Restore Landowner Liability Protection**

For more than 40 years, the Recreational Use of Land and Water Areas Act limited liability of landowners that allowed the public free access to their land for recreation, conservation and educational purposes.

In 2005, the Act was amended to only cover landowners that offered their land to individuals and the public for hunting and recreational shooting. It eliminated coverage for landowners who opened their property to the public for all other recreational and conservation activities.

Support SB 1042 and:

- Reinststate protection for landowners who open their land to the public for recreation and conservation purposes.
- Retain the protections for landowners who open their land to individuals for hunting and recreational shooting in 2005. (Public Act 94-0625).