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Statement attributable to Illinois Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Todd Maisch on increasing the minimum wage:

"Raising the minimum wage would be a devastating blow to job creators throughout Illinois. This proposal would raise the Illinois minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Meanwhile, neighboring states including Missouri and Iowa have a minimum wage of nearly half that amount.

This is unacceptable.

If anyone wonders why jobs, economic opportunity and population keep leaving Illinois for other states, look no further than those state lawmakers who are legislating Illinois into a second-tier state for competitiveness.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce has faith in Illinois' economic outlook, but state policies cannot continue to make the climate ever tougher on our job creators."

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