



The Issues

Privatize Illinois Driver's Services

Steve's main goal is to privatize Illinois Driver's Services within four years of being elected and leasing space that is empty in some of the DMV buildings. The first step will be to outsource all services currently offered via Driver's Services to private businesses in the same way as notaries perform acts in legal affairs, or how stamps.com provides postage. The second step would be to allow auto insurance companies to provide similar services, as they have an incentive to make sure that only the best drivers are on the road at a given time.

- Currently 18 states have privatized at least some aspects of their DMV/Driver's Services. States with private DMV's/Driver's Services report shorter wait-times across the board as there is a profit incentive in place to give people good customer service – an element missing from any government monopoly. All but one of these states report a lower cost per transaction as the result of market competition. Looking over the results of these states will help implement the correct course of action for Illinois.
- Shutting down government operated Driver's Services gradually, while allowing the Illinois Department of Transportation to absorb some of its functions (minimum licensing requirements can be managed within IDOT, as well as record keeping, and some other clerical tasks) will give entrepreneurs time to set up shop and provide Illinois residents with options. Once the transition is complete, the cost of government to license drivers will be greatly reduced and certain revenue streams can be eliminated.

- A major part of Steve's plan to privatize includes setting up kiosks in locations like grocery stores. Basic transactions will be automated and competing companies will cover the costs with advertising.

Reduce Spending

In addition to saving costs by privatizing Driver's Services, wasteful spending on grants will be cut as they should not be going through the Secretary of State's office. To help with renewal and fee costs, renewal cards and advertising space will be on the cyberdrive web page. Secretary of State Police functions will be reduced where there is redundancy with the other ten State Police organizations. Additionally, Steve will be supporting legislation to remove the front license plate requirement, resulting in an estimated savings of approximately \$800,000. These, and other methods of cost reduction, will allow Steve to cut down on fees for drivers elsewhere.

Making Things Easier for YOU

The cost of living continues to climb in Illinois. Like many Illinoisans, commercial drivers are struggling to pay their bills. The Secretary of State's office is charging too much to get a Commercial Driver's License and the process is very complicated. Even after recent legislation, LLC costs are still way too high to start and maintain a business. Forms are overly complicated, and the fees for CDL classes and licenses are outrageous. Fees will not go up while Steve is in office; rather, you will see a dramatic reduction or elimination of many of them. Steve will demand this through the Department of Legislative Affairs.

Civil Liberties

People around the state are randomly receiving letters from the Secretary of State demanding proof of insurance. This is unconstitutional. Innocent until proven guilty: Bring a warrant. Privacy is important to Steve. Identity theft has become rampant, and the Secretary of State's office lacks the resources to investigate hacking and other security issues. There is a push to require a "textalyzer", which is a device that plugs in to monitor if you have been texting while driving. It can't tell who was doing the texting in your vehicle. Steve feels these practices may infringe on the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as well as Section I Article 6 of the Illinois State Constitution. Whether in the database or on forms, whenever possible, Steve will protect a citizen's private information. Finally, licenses should not be suspended because of one's personal debt. Without the ability to drive, it makes it more difficult for a person to repay this debt and these suspensions have little to do with traffic safety