

# THE POWER OF EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP

Small businesses can support local communities for years, decades, and more. When the owners of these businesses are looking towards retirement or want to offer their employees the opportunity to share ownership, they should be supported by Illinois policymakers.

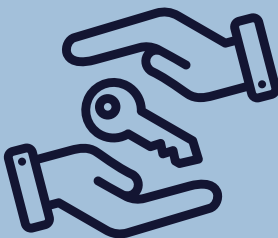
Illinois politicians had the right idea when they passed legislation that established the Center for Business Ownership Succession and Employee Ownership. However, because the center has never been funded, we are missing a huge opportunity to support small businesses and foster economic growth.

## WHAT WILL THE CENTER DO

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- Increase awareness and provide information about employee ownership.
- Provide counseling on employee ownership, with referrals to professional advisors.
- Organize events, including workshops and conferences, focused on ownership succession and employee ownership. These events will offer valuable networking opportunities and knowledge sharing for business owners and advisors.
- Create a strong network of economic development agencies, business organizations, and professional advisors focused on supporting businesses that want to provide ownership to their employees.

## WHAT WE WANT



We want to see entrepreneurs pass on their American dream. We want to see businesses survive and thrive, even when their owners are ready to move on.

We are looking to see the Center for Business Ownership Succession and Employee Ownership funded!