

# HEARTLAND ALLIANCE

## ENDING POVERTY

Heartland Alliance advocates for policies, programs, and sustainable revenue to end poverty, advance human rights and justice, reduce inequity and create opportunity.

## HUMAN RIGHTS & JUSTICE

**HB5334 The Background Fairness Act:** Creates standards for private employers considering criminal history information when hiring, increasing job opportunity.

**HB5341:** Makes clear that judges may not deny a petition to seal criminal records because a petitioner has outstanding legal financial obligations (such as fees imposed by the court that they can not afford).

**HB5494:** Eliminates the wait period prior to the sealing of a criminal record for survivors of trafficking who have been criminalized for their own exploitation.

**SB3108:** Makes key improvements to existing legislation that allows trafficking survivors to seek financial compensation from their traffickers.

**HB3142:** Prohibits colleges and universities from asking about or considering an applicant's criminal record, which deters individuals from seeking an education.

## FINANCIAL EQUITY

**SB2843 The Fair Lending Act:** Will give consumers relief from title loans by instituting a 36% interest rate cap on car title loans, establishing maximum loan term limits, and creating protections in the event of a car repossession.

## EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC SECURITY

**HB5340 The License to Work Act:** Eliminates driver's license suspension as a penalty for the nearly tens of thousands of Illinoisans who lose their driver's license for non-moving violations, which can mean lost jobs.

**SB3115 & HB5135:** Increases the cash grant amount for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program from 25% to 50% of the Federal Poverty Line.

## BUILDING WELL-BEING

**SJRCA1 & HJRCA39:** Puts a question on the ballot, paving the way for a fair tax that will stabilize the state's finances and support the programs and services that strengthen communities.

## HEALTH

**Continuing the Campaign to Protect Our Health Care:** We will continue our fight to protect the recent advances since the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion and defend against policies that will make it harder for Illinoisans to see or afford a doctor.