

# Illinois Governor Candidate Bill Brady

## Key Votes Affecting UA Members

Bill Brady has been in Illinois politics for nearly 20 years in both the Illinois House and Illinois Senate. During this time, he has maintained a meager 25% lifetime voting record on issues affecting working families according to the Illinois AFL-CIO.

### Brady on Job Creation:

- **Voted Against Funding Nearly \$50 Billion in Construction Projects in Illinois**  
In 2009, Brady voted against legislation that funded \$34 billion worth of public works construction projects that would put thousands of UA members to work throughout the state during the worst recession in decades. 10 years earlier he voted against a similar bill that funded \$12 billion worth of state construction projects. (House Bill 255, 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly , Senate Bills 1028/1066, 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly)
- **Refused to Support Legislation to Help Get New Nuclear Power Plant Construction in Illinois**  
There is currently a law in Illinois prohibiting the construction of new nuclear power plants in the state. Brady refused to vote on a recent bill that would have lifted the prohibition. (Senate Bill 3388, 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Refused to Support Legislation to Help Southside Chicago Powerhouse**  
Brady skipped a vote on legislation that would have helped find funding for a struggling powerhouse in the Chicago-land area and save and create UA jobs. (Senate Bill 380, 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted to Privatize and Outsource UA Jobs at McCormick Place and Navy Pier**  
Brady voted to break existing union contracts and allow privatization and outsourcing of UA and other union jobs at McCormick Place and Navy Pier in Chicago. (Senate Bill 28, 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)

### Brady on the Piping/Construction Industry:

- **Refused to Support the Required Installation of Fire Sprinklers in Fraternities/Sororities**  
Brady refused to vote on a bill that would require fraternities and sororities to install lifesaving fire sprinkler systems on college campuses.(House Bill 5664, 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)

- **Sponsored Legislation to Prohibit the Adoption of Building Codes with Fire Sprinklers**  
 Brady was the chief sponsor of legislation that would have prohibited local governments from being able to adopt residential building codes that contained requirements for fire sprinkler systems. (Senate Bill 1980, 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted to Weaken Illinois Plumbing License Law**  
 Brady voted for a bill that would have allowed non-licensed individuals to hook up water and sewer services to mobile homes rather than requiring a licensed plumber. (House Bill 32, 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted to Remove Lawn Irrigation from the Illinois Plumbing License Law**  
 Brady voted to further weaken the Illinois Plumbing License Law by allowing unlicensed persons to install lawn irrigation systems rather than a licensed plumber. (Senate Bill 457, 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly)
- **Favors “Right-to-Work” for the State of Illinois**  
 Brady has made recent comments that he is in favor of making Illinois a Right-to-Work state.
- **Refused to Take a Stand on Fly-By-Night Contractors**  
 Brady refused to vote on a bill that would help reign in unscrupulous construction contractors by increasing the penalty for contractors not having the name of their business clearly identified on their trucks. (House Bill 4927, 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted to Scam Construction Workers Out of Workers’ Comp and Unemployment Benefits**  
 Brady voted for a measure which would have increased the definition of “independent contractor” and allowed contractors to more easily classify their employees as such and deny paying into workers’ compensation, unemployment and other related benefits. (Senate Bill 658, 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted Against Employee Misclassification Reform**  
 Once again Brady voted to protect unscrupulous contractors who define their employees as independent contractors so they don’t have to pay taxes and workers’ comp/unemployment benefits on them. Brady voted against a bill that severely limited the practice in Illinois. (House Bill 1795, 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted Against Requiring Responsible Bidding on Public Works Projects**  
 Brady voted against legislation that would have set minimum requirements for contractors bidding on public works projects to ensure only legitimate and capable contractors are able to secure this work. (House Bill 3048, 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly)

- **Voted Against Allowing Project Labor Agreements on Public Works Projects**  
 Brady voted against legislation that allowed local governments to enter into Project Labor Agreements (PLA) for public works projects. A PLA helps to ensure a smooth, trouble free project while at the same time secures jobs for local UA members. (House Bill 1843, 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted To Prohibit Project Labor Agreements on School Construction Projects**  
 Brady voted for legislation that would have prohibited the use of PLA's on school construction projects. If passed, this legislation would have cost UA members jobs on this type of work. (Senate Bill 293, 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)

## **Brady on Prevailing Wage:**

- **Voted Against Increased Enforcement of Illinois Prevailing Wage Act**  
 Brady voted against strengthening the Illinois Department of Labor's ability to go after contractors not paying their employees the prevailing wage on public works construction projects. (House Bill 1375, 91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted Against Ensuring Proper Wage/Benefit Payment to Workers on Public Works Projects**  
 Brady voted against legislation that required contractors and subcontractors to prove they were paying their employees the prevailing wage on state funded construction projects. (House Bill 188, 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted Against Whistleblower Protections for Reporting Prevailing Wage Violations**  
 Brady voted against protecting employees that report violations of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act from firing, discipline or discrimination. (House Bill 1939, 88<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted Against Paying Workers Prevailing Wage on Projects in TIF Districts/Enterprise Zones**  
 Brady voted against legislation that would have required contractors to pay their employees the prevailing wage on construction projects funded by financial benefits gained through the use of state approved TIF Districts and Enterprise Zones. (Senate Bill 43, 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Refused to Vote to Pay Prevailing Wage to Workers on State Demolition Projects**  
 Brady refused to vote on a bill that stated that contractors must pay their employees the prevailing wage on state funded demolition projects. (House Bill 952, 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)

## Brady on Workers' Rights:

- **Voted to Allow Employers to Eavesdrop on Their Employees**  
Brady voted for legislation that would have allowed employers to eavesdrop on their employees without criminal penalties. (Senate Bill 721, 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted Against Anti-Strikebreaker Legislation**  
Brady voted against legislation that would have prohibited the state from doing business with companies that hire strikebreakers when their employees are on strike. (House Bill 241, House Bill 2802, 88<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted Against Allowing Local Government Employees to Join a Union**  
Brady voted against legislation that would allow employees of smaller local governments to form or join a union. (House Bill 3394, 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted to Limit State Employee Bargaining Rights**  
Brady voted for legislation that would have greatly limited state employees' ability to bargain over financial items in their union contracts. (Senate Bill 595, 89<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)
- **Voted Against Making it Easier for Public Employees to Join a Union**  
Brady voted against legislation that would have simplified the process for public employees to be recognized as belonging to a union if a majority of the workers in the bargaining unit had signed authorization cards. (House Bill 3396, 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly)
- **Refused to Vote to Strengthen Public Employee Labor Law Protections**  
Brady refused to take a vote on legislation that greatly strengthened public employee protections under Illinois Labor Law by streamlining requests for recognition, speeding up arbitration proceedings and increasing staffing levels at the Illinois Labor Relations Board. (House Bill 2445, 96<sup>th</sup> General Assembly)