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Illinois Governor Vows to Cut Red Tape

In a move to promote economic growth and job creation, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner signed an executive order in 2016 calling for a review of all state agency rules and regulations affecting businesses.

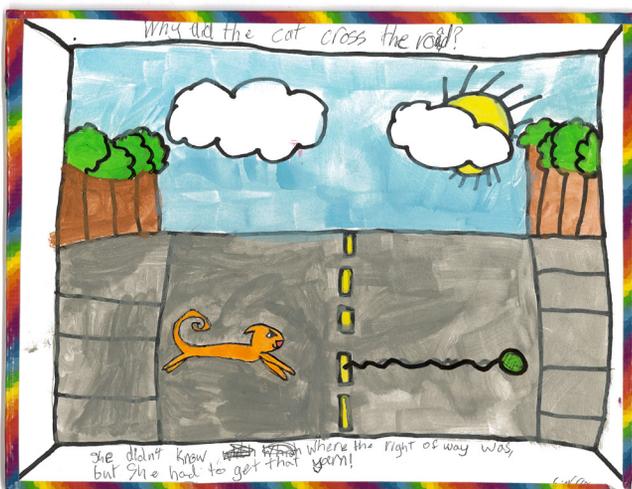
"We are not competitive on our regulations," said Rauner, adding that Illinois is ranked as one of the worst states for red tape, regulations, restrictions and the cost of doing business. "We've got to change that."

So Rauner formed the Illinois Competitiveness Council, which will conduct the statewide review of regulations. Representatives from each of Illinois' regulatory state agencies will serve on the council, which will work to ensure that regulations are up to date and relevant to today's industries and practices.



In addition, the council will ensure there is a clear need for a particular regulation. "Illinois is currently a patchwork of duplicative, contradictory and outdated regulations," said U-Jung Choe, chairwoman of the newly formed council.

While many rules and regulations are well intentioned, Rauner said they have unintended consequences that "do more damage than good." Choe said the council will try to cultivate an atmosphere that makes it easier for small businesses and entrepreneurs to flourish.



Right of Way from a Youngster's Point of View

Based in Homer, Alaska, 9-year-old Sierra Mullikin drew her Great Uncle Tim's name in the 2016 Christmas family gift exchange. Her dad, who is a Land Surveyor, came up with a Right of Way message appropriate for Uncle Tim, SR/WA. Sierra finalized the message as "Why did the Cat cross the road? She didn't know where the right of way was, but she had to get that yarn!" Sierra illustrated the message with a 9" x 12" ink and water color painting.

