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From: Todd Hellrigel
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2026 2:21 PM
To: Shawna Rule
Cc: Sally Timm
Subject: Fw: FOIA request

For the Oct Boardbook.

From: Todd Hellrigel <toddh@midwestcentral.org>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2026 2:20 PM
To: IllinoisPolicy Research <research@illinoispolicy.org>
Cc: Sally Timm <timmm@midwestcentral.org>
Subject: Re: FOIA request

Hello Lilly,

Midwest Central has no records of any study, report, analysis, memorandum, presentation or other document containing the research or findings supporting the estimate that approximately 60% of one-cent tax revenue would be generated by visitors, commuters and non-residents of Tazewell County.

Additionally, Midwest Central has no records showing the methodology, calculations or data used to produce that estimate, including analyses using Illinois Department of Revenue data, Esri Consumer Spending data, Consumer Expenditure Survey data or U.S. Census Bureau data.

Thank you,
Todd

From: IllinoisPolicy Research <research@illinoispolicy.org>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2026 8:00 AM
To: Todd Hellrigel <toddh@midwestcentral.org>
Subject: FOIA request

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Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., I am requesting records related to a study or analysis of the proposed one-cent tax and the estimated share of tax revenue that would be generated by visitors, commuters and non-residents of Tazewell County.

Specifically, I am requesting the following records from Jan. 1, 2026 to present:

1. Any study, report, analysis, memorandum, presentation or other document containing the research or findings supporting the estimate that approximately 60% of one-cent tax revenue would be generated by visitors, commuters and non-residents of Tazewell County.
2. Any records showing the methodology, calculations or data used to produce that estimate, including analyses using Illinois Department of Revenue data, Esri Consumer Spending data, Consumer Expenditure Survey data or U.S. Census Bureau data.

The study or analysis I am seeking was referenced [here](#) which states: "It's estimated that 60% of the one-cent tax revenue would be generated by visitors, commuters, and non-residents of Tazewell County."

For reference, I have linked to <https://tazewellforstudents.com/> to help identify the responsive records.

I would prefer all responsive records be produced electronically.

The purpose of this request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or legal rights of the general public. Because this request is made on behalf of a not-for-profit organization and is not principally for personal or commercial benefit, I request that responsive records be furnished without charge.

Please confirm receipt of this request. I look forward to receiving your response within five business days pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(d).

Please contact me at research@illinoispolicy.org if you have any questions regarding this request.

Thank you,

Lilly