



Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to you on behalf of the Bank the Vote Gala organizing committee, a passionate group of Republicans dedicated to making a difference in the state of Illinois. Our mission is clear and vital: to raise funds and reenergize our base in order to compete effectively with the Democrats in the areas of early voting, Vote-By-Mail (VBM), and Get Out The Vote (GOTV) initiatives.

As we prepare for the Bank the Vote Gala, we are reaching out to ask for your generous support in the form of a donation to our **Wine Cellar Auction**. Your contribution will play a pivotal role in helping us achieve our goals, and bring about positive change in our beloved state.

Mission and Purpose of the Bank the Vote Gala:

- **Competing in Critical Initiatives:** Last election cycle, the Democrats invested nearly \$20 million in early voting, VBM, and GOTV initiatives, while we could allocate only approximately \$250,000. This disparity greatly affected the outcomes of many close races, leading to Republican losses. To reverse this trend and ensure a strong presence in these crucial areas, we need to raise funds to compete effectively.
- **Reenergizing the Republican Base:** Many Illinois Republicans have lost hope in recent years. We aim to change that by organizing a gala that not only serves as a fundraiser, but also as an event that inspires pride and hope within the Republican Party. With the right publicity and promotion, we believe we can create an annual tradition that Illinois Republicans can rally behind and use as a platform to keep fighting for our values in the state.

Overall Mission:

Our overarching mission is to bring together a group of passionate Republicans in one room, ignite the base's enthusiasm, and leave with a sense of positive momentum leading into the next election cycle. Together, we aim to reclaim Illinois for the Republican Party.

We kindly request your support for our **Wine Cellar Auction**, which will be a highlight of the Bank Your Vote Gala. Your generous donation will not only contribute to the success of our event, but also help us compete more effectively in vital electoral initiatives. Wine donated to the **Wine Cellar Auction** will either be bought for consumption at the event or taken home to enjoy. Whether you can donate a bottle or a case of fine wine, every contribution is greatly appreciated and will make a difference.

Please consider donating wines with a \$50 retail value or higher to the **Bank Your Vote Wine Cellar**.

Choose the best option for your donation:

- Donate a bottle directly using this wine auction form. Wine can be dropped off to 608 East 1st Street in Hinsdale.
- You can also choose to order a bottle with our friends at **Hinsdale Wine Shop**. Place an order directly with them, they will hold your order and we will pick it up! Hinsdale Wine Shop is donating 10% of proceeds back to the Illinois Republican Party too! Stop in at their location 12 E Hinsdale Ave, Hinsdale or call (630) 654-9862.
- Or you can make a monetary contribution rather than wine, so that we may purchase bottles in your name for the auction. Mail checks to Illinois Republican Party, PO Box 78, Springfield, IL 62705. Make checks payable to Illinois Republican Party and note “wine auction” in the memo. Or you can contribute online [here](#).

Please email us at auction@illinois.gop if you have any questions or need further information about our event. Your support is invaluable in helping us achieve our mission, and we are excited about the positive impact we can create together.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to the possibility of your contribution and to working hand-in-hand to revitalize the Republican Party in Illinois.

Tickets for the event are available to purchase [here](#) as well as other opportunities for sponsorship.

Sincerely,

Christine Trainer and Kate Marnell
Wine Auction Chairs
Bank Your Vote Gala

Contributions are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Funds received in response to this solicitation will be deposited in the Illinois Republican Party federal account, unless otherwise prohibited by law. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to obtain and report the name, mailing address, occupation and employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Contributions from foreign nationals are prohibited. Corporate contributions to the federal account are prohibited, and will be deposited into the state account. A copy of our report is available at the Illinois State Board of Elections and the Federal Election Commission.



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ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN PARTY Wine Cellar Auction Donation Form

Donor Name: _____

Business Name: (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

(Required for all donations exceeding \$500 per calendar year.)

Wine Donation Details

Wine Description:

Wine Name: _____

Winery/Producer _____

Vintage (if applicable): _____

Type: (Red, White, Rose, ect) _____

Quantity: _____ bottles

Approximate Retail Value per Bottle: \$: _____

Delivery/Pick-Up Information: _____

Wine Description:

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Winery/Producer _____

Vintage (if applicable): _____

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Quantity: _____ bottles

Approximate Retail Value per Bottle: \$: _____

Delivery/Pick-Up Information: _____

Additional Wine Donations (please use back of this form and/or separate sheet if needed)

Mail a donation to purchase wine in your name to:
Illinois Republican Party | P.O. Box 78 | Springfield, IL 62705
EMAIL: auction@illinois.gop

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