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### State Labor Federation President Praises Court Decision to Protect Victims of Medical Malpractice

#### ***Statement from Michael T. Carrigan, president, Illinois AFL-CIO***

“Today’s decision by the Illinois Supreme court to stand up for working people of this state and protect their right to a fair trial by their peers in medical malpractice cases is commendable.

“The Illinois AFL-CIO fought long and hard against the law enacted in 2005 that set caps on the compensation victims of medical negligence can receive for their pain and suffering. We believed it was not only unfair and disgraceful, but also unconstitutional.

“The Supreme Court has once again upheld a lower court decision, as they have twice before in 1976 and 1997, and ruled medical malpractice caps unconstitutional, protecting Illinois citizens from corporate greed and giving us all our due process under the law.”

*The Illinois AFL-CIO represents over 1,500 affiliated labor unions with one million members across the state.*

