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**Tallian amendment would give preference to Indiana steel**  
*Northwest Indiana project would provide business to local industry and workers*

INDIANAPOLIS— State Sen. Karen Tallian (D-Portage) introduced an amendment today that would require preference be given to Indiana produced steel for the construction of the proposed Illiana Expressway. The amendment was defeated by a partisan vote of 32 to 17. Tallian said she offered the amendment in support of Indiana's steelworkers and steel industry.

"If we are going to construct this highway in Northwest Indiana, we should use steel from right here. This is the heart of America's steel industry, and we have a proud tradition of building the roads, bridges and buildings that Americans depend on each day," Tallian said. "Let's use steel made in America, and keep the jobs right here in Indiana."

Tallian introduced her plan as an amendment to Senate Bill 382, a measure that would allow the Illiana Expressway to be built as a toll road. The proposed highway would connect I-65 in Indiana to I-57 in Illinois, providing an alternative east-west route in Northwestern Indiana and reducing traffic congestion on the I-80/I-94 Borman Expressway.

For more information on Sen. Tallian, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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EDITORS NOTE: Audio of Sen. Tallian's comments from the senate floor can be found at [http://www.in.gov/legislative/senate\\_democrats/files/Tallian.SB382IndSteelAmend.MP3](http://www.in.gov/legislative/senate_democrats/files/Tallian.SB382IndSteelAmend.MP3)