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## **Lt. Governor helps cut ribbon at Effingham's John Boos & Co.**

*Food-service products manufacturer expands, celebrates 130 years in business*

EFFINGHAM (Aug. 29, 2017) – Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti today highlighted the importance of small businesses in Illinois by helping cut the ribbon on John Boos & Co.'s new \$16 million, 116,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art manufacturing center.

John Boos & Co. has been operating in Effingham for 130 years and is a premier manufacturer of wood and stainless-steel food-service products, including its world famous butcher blocks, the Boos Block. As part of the plant's grand opening, the Lt. Gov. helped put the finishing touches on the 13 millionth Boos Block the company has manufactured.

"Small businesses, such as John Boos & Co., are critically important to Illinois and the economic future of our state," Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti said. "We need to change our broken system to help small businesses gain secure footing in Illinois and thrive. We can do this and increase Illinois' competitiveness for businesses by cutting the red tape and lowering property taxes. These businesses can then create jobs and invest in the community."

Small businesses employ 2.4 million Illinoisans and create two out of every three new jobs in our economy. Small businesses represent 98 percent of businesses in Illinois.

John Boos & Co.'s new wood plant is located on a 27-acre campus that includes Boos' stainless steel facility and corporate headquarters. It is the oldest manufacturer of butcher's blocks in the United States. In addition to its butcher blocks, the company manufactures cutting boards, kitchen counter tops, sinks, shelves, racks and work tables.

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