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The State of the State: Illinois is Broken

Chicago, IL — Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner (R) delivered his third State of the State address to the Illinois General Assembly today, which attempted to strike a hopeful tone in the face of monumental financial burdens plaguing the state.

“All of us – Republicans, Democrats, and everyone in between – have a moral obligation to work together to bring change. We together can return Illinois to a place of hope, opportunity, and prosperity,” remarked Rauner at the close of his speech.

But all is not sound in Illinois. The state government is broken.

Taxpayers United of America (TUA) stands with taxpayers, no matter what political party is in power, and TUA will continue to push for systemic change to the operations of the Illinois state government.

But speeches are not going to solve Illinois’ disastrous financial crisis or lessen the tax burden on its residents.

“Once again, Gov. Rauner stood before the Illinois General Assembly and tried to outline both the progress made since he took office, as well as the obstacles immediately before us,” said Jared Labell, executive director of TUA.

“Legislators should vote on behalf of the interests of taxpayers, not their fellow government employees. Illinoisans want their very real and mounting concerns over the state’s financial situation addressed, not ignored.”

“TUA opposes the proposed multibillion dollar income tax hike floated recently by the leadership of the Illinois General Assembly. We will champion the interests of the taxpayers of Illinois and continue to oppose the state government’s spendthrift policies,” said Labell.

Gov. Rauner will deliver his budget address to the Illinois General Assembly on February 15.