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## **Turning Point**

Yesterday was a good day for taxpayers. Despite the naysaying and the heckling from tax thieves, taxpayers have just won a string of very important victories. <u>Every Home Rule referenda in Cook County was soundly defeated, along with two</u> government school property increase referenda in Will County.

"These are all great results,", said Jim Tobin, president of Taxpayers United of America (TUA), commenting on the March 17 election. "Our hard work in Burr Ridge, Westchester, and Lynwood have paid off. Every Home Rule referendum was trounced by overwhelming majorities."

"Ever since tax thieves bulldogged a \$5,000,000,000 income tax increase through Springfield, they have pushed for even higher taxes on the middle class. Taxpayers are furious at these constant tax hikes. Homeowners bristle at the very idea of another property tax increase."

"Taxpayers have fled these outrageous taxes in droves, and quite a few have lost hope. One supporter of TUA went so far as to write me a letter, telling me to give up, that Illinois is a lost cause. I didn't give up though, and neither should anyone else! When it comes to tax increase referenda, taxpayers win."

"I have fought tax increases in Illinois for over 40 years. Including the 3 new Home Rule referenda victories, with the property tax referenda victories in Peotone and Oswego, we have now racked up 437 taxpayer referenda victories. Illinois taxpayers are nowhere near out of the fight."

"I sense a turning point coming in Illinois. Illinoisans are done with new taxes, but government employees are demanding more The lavish pensions Speaker Madigan and his cronies have promised are outgrowing the amount of money they can steal from taxpayers. The only way they can keep the gravy train rolling is with a graduated income tax increase."

"The \$5,000,000,000 income tax increase was not enough, and neither is the proposed graduated income tax increase. This 'Fair Tax' as called, is nothing more than thievery. It is in fact an Income Theft Amendment, a graduated income tax increase on the middle class."

"Now that the March 17 elections are over, the November 3 Income Theft Amendment is now our major focus. We beat Home Rule, we defeated, property tax increases, and now we are going to beat back the Income Theft Amendment as we did before."