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FRESH AIR, NOT LOCKDOWNS FOR ILLINOIS!

“Instead of lockdowns that cripple local economies and cause rapid spread of coronavirus due to crowded, poorly ventilated buildings, more research points to getting people outside and ending lockdowns,” said Jim Tobin, economist and president of Taxpayers United of Illinois (TUA).

“The corrupt and inept Illinois Governor, Jay Robert ‘J. B.’ Pritzker, is destroying the state’s fragile economy with his Soviet-style lockdown. He could learn a few things by looking at the report, *Unleash Prosperity Hotline Issue #61*, which points out in ‘Health Lesson from Japan’ that one of the mysteries of coronavirus is why Japan has been almost entirely immune from a disease that began in Asia.”

According to the report, “There are few more densely populated cities than Tokyo and Japan has an aging population. Yet this country with 126 million people has suffered less than 1,000 deaths. This is a death rate less than one-tenth ours. What have they done right?” The report’s conclusions:

- There were no economic lockdowns.
- The Japanese understood from the start that nearly all of the significant transmission events appear to be inside, typically in poorly ventilated spaces. This insight was part of the Japanese “3 Cs” strategy that saw less than a thousand total deaths in the whole country -- with no lockdown.
- An article in Science suggested that about 80% of people with coronavirus infect exactly zero others. Almost all the transmission comes from super spread events. “Probably about 10% of cases lead to 80% of the spread,” according to the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.
- There are three simple and costless ways to reduce the risk of illness from coronavirus. 1) Get outside. 2) Open the windows. 3) For businesses and schools without windows to open, we need to think about how to significantly increase ventilation in their indoor spaces.

“Like so many other Democrat politicians, Pritzker is lacking in common sense as he pursues a left-wing agenda that is crippling the Illinois economy. Get fresh air into work spaces, and open them up for business!” said Tobin.

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