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NO ILLINOIS BAILOUT

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Chicago—Taxpayers United of America (TUA) today sent a letter to all 100 U.S. Senators urging them to vote against the proposed \$350 billion giveaway to state governments, as it would be wasted on frivolous line items and perpetuating failed policies.

"If you vote to bail out states like Illinois, you will be <u>rewarding the destructive policies</u> of its politicians," TUA president Jim Tobin told them.

"If the United States government bails out irresponsible state and local government spending, it would be a grave error that furthers the redistribution of wealth. People are forced out of their homes because they can't afford the property taxes that largely support government union demands."

"An example is Illinois, which has been poorly managed for decades. There has never been a revenue problem in Illinois, but there is an ongoing spending problem. Tax dollars are like crack to the Illinois government bureaucrats."

"Illinois has been mismanaging taxpayer money for decades. This indebtedness did not accrue in the single year of the Covid-19 pandemic. Rather, it's been growing for decades. To bail out Illinois politicians and strip them of their accountability for their policies would be a grave mistake."

"On behalf of the many thousands of taxpayers we represent, we ask that the U.S. Senate do its job and decline to bailout irresponsible state and local governments, and to decline to enable these tax revenue junkies to inject any additional funds right into their arms. Sadly, they must be allowed to fail in order for their behavior to change."