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Dick “Disaster” Durbin Votes Against Taxpayers 97% of the Time!

Illinois Senator Richard J. “Dick” Durbin has been a “disaster” for Illinois, according to Jim Tobin, president of Taxpayers United of America (TUA).

“Since Durbin came on the scene in 1997, this ultra-left-wing senator has ravaged taxpayers year-after-year,” said Tobin. “The National Taxpayers Union (NTU) in Washington, DC, rates every senator and congressional representative, and Durbin has received an ‘F’ for every congress. He has consistently voted against the interests of taxpayers without a bit of remorse.”

“But the bad news doesn’t stop there,” said Tobin. “His overall score is worse than the Democrat average for the Senate, and it has been for every term since he has been in the US Senate.”

“The last congress rated by NTU was the 112th Congress (2012). Out of a perfect pro-taxpayer score of 100, the Republican Senate average was a decent 72%. The Democrat Senate average was a dismal 11%. Dick Durbin’s score was a pitiable 10%. Durbin voted against the interests of Illinois taxpayers 90% of the time.”

“In the 109th Congress (2005), Durbin’s taxpayer score was an incredible 4%, voting against the interests of Illinois taxpayers 96% of the time, against the Democrat Senate score of 12%.”

“In the 106th Congress (1999), Durbin’s taxpayer score was a mind-boggling 3%, voting against the interests of Illinois taxpayers 97% of the time. The Democrat Senate average was 9%.”

“How such a left-wing politician like Durbin has remained in office all these years is a puzzle, but what isn’t a puzzling is the need to throw him and other pro-tax politicians out of office. Durbin is up for reelection this November 4, and Illinois is going down the drain. Unless pro-tax, pro-spending machine politicians like Durbin are removed from office, Illinois’ economic future will be hard to salvage.”