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### **Springfield Tax Villains Push to Raise State Income Tax on 85% of Illinoisans**

CHICAGO—Taxpayers United of America (TUA) has released the list of Illinois state legislators who have supported one or more resolutions that seek to add an amendment to the Illinois Constitution to implement a graduated state income tax, announced Jim Tobin, TUA President.

“Led by machine bosses Gov. Patrick J. Quinn (D), House Speaker Michael J. Madigan (D), and Sen. Pres. John Cullerton (D), the tax villains on our list are making a push to raise income taxes on 85% of Illinois taxpayers,” said Tobin.

“This grab for taxpayer wealth has one purpose only: to prop up the bankrupt state government pension system that provides lavish, gold-plated pensions and benefits.”

“These tax villains are expecting 85% of taxpayers to take a huge pay cut so they and their government cronies can continue to rake in higher than average pay, earlier than average retirement, nearly iron-clad job security, multi-million dollar pensions, and deluxe taxpayer-funded health care.”

“How lavish are these pensions for retired government employees? One example is retired government high school teacher, Beverly Lopatka, who retired at the age of 56 and collects annual pension payments totaling \$399,652. Over a normal lifetime, that will accumulate to a staggering estimated total pension payout of \$11,524,643. The system is unsustainable and downright immoral.”

Tobin added that Illinois has over 10,000 retired government employees who receive annual pensions over \$100,000.

“The graduated income tax Quinn, Cullerton and Madigan want will have its top tier as high as 11.5%. In other words, the most productive citizens and businesses that remain in the state will be punished, and those individuals and businesses that have had enough will leave Illinois for states with lower taxes. This will put Illinois into an economic death-spiral.”

“Illinois is second highest in the country in property taxes, second in unemployment, is projected by Moody’s to have the worst job growth in 2014, and, not surprisingly, has the highest number of productive residents moving out of the state.”

“The economic future of Illinois is at stake, and, as Illinois goes, so will the economic future of its citizens. The Democrat members of the state legislature, who have a majority in both houses, must be thrown from office if Illinois is to survive economically. If they remain in power, Illinois could become another Detroit, but on a much larger scale.”

“Below is the complete list of Tax Villains, all of whom are Democrats, who support the graduated income tax, and are ready to sell Illinois down the river. A downloadable copy of the [list can be found here.](#)”

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Gov. Patrick J. Quinn (D)

Speaker Michael J. Madigan (D)  
Al Riley (D) 38th Dist. Hazel Crest  
Andy Manar (D) 48th Dist. Staunton  
Ann Williams (D) 11th Dist. Chicago  
Antonio Muñoz (D) 1st Dist. Chicago  
Arthur Turner (D) 9th Dist. Chicago  
Barbara Flynn Currie (D) 25th Dist. Chicago  
Bill Cunningham (D) 18th Dist. Chicago  
Camille Y. Lilly (D) 78th Dist. Chicago  
Charles E. Jefferson (D) 67th Dist. Rockford  
Christian L. Mitchell (D) 26th Dist. Chicago  
Cynthia Soto (D) 4th Dist. Chicago  
Daniel Biss (D) 9th Dist. Skokie  
Daniel J. Burke (D) 1st Dist. Chicago  
David Koehler (D) 46th Dist. Peoria  
Derrick Smith (D) 10th Dist. Chicago  
Don Harmon (D) 39th Dist. Oak Park  
Donne E. Trotter (D) 17th Dist. Chicago  
Edward J. Acevedo (D) 2nd Dist. Chicago  
Elgie R. Sims, Jr. (D) 34th Dist. Chicago  
Elizabeth Hernandez (D) 24th Dist. Cicero  
Emanuel Chris Welch (D) 7th Dist. Westchester  
Emil Jones, III (D) 14th Dist. Chicago  
Esther Golar (D) 6th Dist. Chicago  
Greg Harris (D) 13th Dist. Chicago  
Heather A. Steans (D) 7th Dist. Chicago  
Iris Y. Martinez (D) 20th Dist. Chicago  
Jacqueline Y. Collins (D) 16th Dist. Chicago  
Jaime M. Andrade, Jr. (D) 40th Dist. Chicago  
James F. Clayborne, Jr. (D) 57th Dist. East St. Louis  
Jehan A. Gordon-Booth (D) 92nd Dist. Peoria  
Keith Farnham (D) 43rd Dist. Elgin  
Kelly M. Cassidy (D) 14th Dist. Chicago  
Kenneth Dunkin (D) 5th Dist. Chicago

Sen. Pres. John Cullerton (D)  
Kimberly A. Lightford (D) 4th Dist. Westchester  
Kwame Raoul (D) 13th Dist. Chicago  
La Shawn K. Ford (D) 8th Dist. Chicago  
Lawrence M. Walsh, Jr. (D) 86th Dist. Joliet  
Linda Chapa LaVia (D) 83rd Dist. Aurora  
Lou Lang (D) 16th Dist. Skokie  
Luis Arroyo (D) 3rd Dist. Chicago  
Marcus C. Evans, Jr. (D) 33rd Dist. Chicago  
Maria Antonia Berrios (D) 39th Dist. Chicago  
Martin A. Sandoval (D) 11th Dist. Cicero  
Mary E. Flowers (D) 31st Dist. Chicago  
Mattie Hunter (D) 3rd Dist. Chicago  
Melinda Bush (D) 31st Dist. Grayslake  
Michael E. Hastings (D) 19th Dist. Matteson  
Michael Noland (D) 22nd Dist. Elgin  
Michael W. Frerichs (D) 52nd Dist. Champaign  
Mike Smiddy (D) 71st Dist. Port Byron  
Monique D. Davis (D) 27th Dist. Chicago  
Naomi D. Jakobsson (D) 103rd Dist. Champaign  
Napoleon Harris, III (D) 15th Dist. Harvey  
Pat McGuire (D) 43rd Dist. Crest Hill  
Patricia Van Pelt (D) 5th Dist. Chicago  
Rita Mayfield (D) 60th Dist. Waukegan  
Robert F. Martwick (D) 19th Dist. Chicago  
Robert Rita (D) 28th Dist. Blue Island  
Robyn Gabel (D) 18th Dist. Evanston  
Sara Feigenholtz (D) 12th Dist. Chicago  
Senator Daniel Biss (D) 9th Dist. Skokie  
Steven M. Landek (D) 12th Dist. Burbank  
Thaddeus Jones (D) 29th Dist. Calumet City  
Toi W. Hutchinson (D) 40th Dist. Chicago Hts.  
William Davis (D) 30th Dist. East Hazel Crest  
William Delgado (D) 2nd Dist. Chicago

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