

# Tax Accountability

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February 1, 2016

Dear Candidate,

Enclosed are the Questionnaire and Taxpayer Protection Pledge of Tax Accountability, the political action committee of Taxpayers United of America (TUA), one of the largest taxpayer organizations in the country, which was founded nearly 40 years ago.

Thanks to years of high taxes, reckless spending, and more than \$111 billion in unfunded government employee pension liabilities, Illinois is one of the most financially unstable states in the nation.

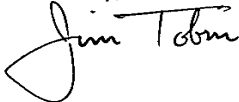
Our mission is to restore economic freedom by lowering property taxes, reducing the overall tax burden of Illinois residents, and reforming the government pension systems in Illinois.

Please sign the enclosed Taxpayer Protection Pledge, by which you pledge to taxpayers that you will oppose any and all attempts to increase the tax burden on Illinois taxpayers. Only if you sign the pledge will we consider endorsing you for county office.

If you complete the enclosed Questionnaire and Taxpayer Protection Pledge, you can be assured that Tax Accountability will make your views known to taxpayers.

Please return the completed Questionnaire and signed Pledge to me **by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. We look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



Jim Tobin, Chairman

Tax Accountability

**P.S. Please return the completed Questionnaire and signed Pledge to us by February 1, 2016.**

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## Illinois Candidate Questionnaire - State

Candidate name \_\_\_\_\_ Office sought \_\_\_\_\_

Political Party or N/A \_\_\_\_\_ Campaign manager or N/A \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

While some of the following questions may pertain to issues of taxation outside of the direct control of the office you seek, your position on the subject is key to your influence, as a government employee, on those who do have direct control.

Do you support or oppose:

- 1) Raising the personal and corporate income tax rates in Illinois?  
☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided
- 2) A new Illinois state income tax on retirement benefits, including Social Security?  
☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided
- 3) Income tax cuts?  
☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided
- 4) A graduated state income tax?  
☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided
- 5) Raising property taxes or other local taxes or fees without a referendum?  
☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided
- 6) Sales tax increases?  
☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided
- 7) Tax increases on specific products such as tobacco, liquor, candy and soda?  
☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided
- 8) Tax increases on specific services, such as haircuts, auto repairs, and pet grooming?  
☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided
- 9) Repeal of the Illinois Constitution's provision protecting government employee pensions?  
☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided

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10) Cutting spending to prevent tax increases?

☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided

11) Reducing property taxes?

☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided

12) Requiring government teachers, who pay little or nothing into their own retirement pensions currently, to pay their full share?

☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided

13) Individually-owned and funded retirement accounts, similar to a 401(k), for all new government employees?

☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided

14) Recognize the Taxpayer Pledge as a lifelong commitment to responsible government spending and respect of taxpayers' right to keep as much of their personal income as possible?

☐ Support    ☐ Oppose    ☐ Undecided

Additional comments or clarifications (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Candidate signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

# **Tax Accountability Taxpayer Protection Pledge**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on this date \_\_\_\_\_,  
pledge to the taxpayers of Illinois that I will  
support economic freedom by working to  
decrease the overall tax burden of Illinois  
taxpayers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness 1 Signature

**Return completed pledge to:  
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