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AG Lisa Madigan Provides Strong Arm in Commuter Shakedown

Chicago – Taxpayers United of America (TUA) today submitted notice to the Illinois Court of Appeals 1st District, of its intent to [withdraw its complaint against the Illinois Toll Authority](#) for the allegedly illegal continuation and increase of the Illinois toll tax.

"The law that originally permitted this toll tax in 1953 was clear in its intent: The toll was temporary and would be paid-up by 1973," said Jim Tobin, TUA President.

"But Illinois government bureaucrats found the Toll Authority to be such a convenient place for their cronyism, and pay-off for favors owed, that Ill. Atty. General Lisa Madigan (D) is willing to pit the entire Attorney General's team against taxpayers to protect the Toll Authority."

"The Toll Authority provides [jobs and lucrative pensions](#) for friends of elected officials that they don't want to lose, even if it means cheating taxpayers who depend on traveling the toll roads to get to their jobs."

"Because Lisa Madigan has no intention of ending the 87% increase in the toll tax and has the unlimited legal resources of the State of Illinois behind her in this fight, we are withdrawing our complaint to repeal the toll tax increase. We are conserving our resources to continue our fight against corrupt politicians in other ways."

"This kind of taxpayers' abuse is rampant in Illinois and clearly illustrates the priorities of the Chicago/Cook County Democratic Machine, which forces taxpayers to fund its lavish salaries and pensions."

"We have had many successes in shining the light on the excessive salaries and pensions that drive the entire political machine, and we intend to continue to research and report on the taxpayer abuse found in the toll authority and throughout the Illinois government."