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Libertarian Party of Illinois rejects transportation taxes and fees lockbox amendment

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - On Tuesday, October 18, 2016 the Libertarian Party of Illinois State Organizing Committee officially voted against the "Safe Roads Amendment" that will be voted upon on November 8, 2016.

"Today we join many organization across the state in opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment," said Ron Shultis, LPI Legislative Director. "If state lawmakers are so concerned about transportation funding they could easily stop raiding the transportation fund.

"Nothing forces them to do so. The text of the amendment leaves open the possibility of diversions away from construction for administering and enforcing traffic laws enshrined in the constitution. The exact problem proponents of the amendment are fighting against."

One of the largest contributors to the State of Illinois' public debt is the pension clause to the Illinois Constitution. A similar measure could lead to increased budget constraints and the inability to respond to future issues.

"Anything this specific should be passed as a statute, said Lex Green, LPI State Chair. "The constitution should be limited to structural changes in the makeup of our state government, or it should identify general limits and parameters."

While proponents have argued that gasoline taxes and license fees have been diverted from road construction, many of the figures citing diversions from the fund, such as Auditor General William Holland's 2013 audit, fail to account for funds spent on debt

service of prior construction as shown by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute.

The Libertarian Party of Illinois urges voters to reject Illinois' lawmakers repeated attempts to avoid hard fiscal decisions, and burdening future generations with increased restraints by voting "no" on November 8, 2016 on the "Safe Roads Amendment."

To book interviews with a Libertarian Party of Illinois member about the party's stance on the "Safe Roads Amendment," please contact Libertarian Party of Illinois Communications Division Director Steve Suess at (815) 483-4043 or communication@pillinois.org

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