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Libertarian Party of Illinois calls for Madigan resignation

SPRINGFIELD - By party resolution, the Libertarian Party of Illinois is sending the following letter to Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan following the recent state income tax increase and subsequent budget.

Mr. Madigan,

We, the people of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, ask that you immediately vacate your position as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, allowing for new leadership and direction to foster real reform for a healthier government that does not burden its people.

The 32 percent income tax increase and state budget with no substantial reforms are not an acceptable solution for our struggling state. While both Democrats and Republicans are to blame for this new disastrous budget, your lack of leadership has been a prevailing theme, not only in the budget stalemate, but in your entire tenure as speaker. While you have won political victories, the people have lost, and Illinois continues to march toward junk bond status and lose more residents than any other state.

The three-year budget battle with the governor was not entirely your fault, but the financial crisis is much older than three years. You are the only constant throughout the decades of destructive policy that brought us here. Your solution is only a repeat of the same awful policies.

Your speakership has proven totally unable, and perhaps completely unwilling, to

accomplish any meaningful spending reform. Moreover, **you are the most unpopular politician in Illinois, at 61% disapproval**. The citizens of Illinois are leaving the state en masse. Can the message be any more clear? A large majority of Illinoisans dislike your job performance and the direction you're taking our state, yet you insist on more of the same.

The Libertarian Party of Illinois advocates for meaningful cuts to the bloated state government and tax relief for its people, who carry some of the highest tax burdens in the United States. Both old parties have contributed to our dire financial situation, but you and your heavy influence have been the prevailing theme throughout our budget woes. The people of Illinois want and need a fresh start, and your resignation is the best immediate step forward. It is time for you to accept responsibility and step down.

Sincerely,

The Libertarian Party of Illinois

Lex Green, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, is available for print, radio/audio and television/video interview regarding this story. To book an interview, please contact Chairman Green at chair@lpillinois.org or at (309) 530-7114.

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