



# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF ILLINOIS

## THE WRONG TIME FOR A PAY INCREASE

The Illinois House recently refused to give up their scheduled salary increase, even as Illinois is facing an unemployment rate of 9.1 percent and has lost nearly 200,000 jobs since last year. [House Bill 4438](#), introduced by Rep. Bill Black and cosponsored by 46 other House legislators, would have prohibited the automatic 2.8 percent salary increase for legislators in 2009. Instead of showing true leadership in these most difficult economic times, the House voted 64-50 to increase their own pay, at a time when citizens of Illinois struggle to make ends meet. As noted by Rep. Black, this proposal would have saved the state approximately \$2,000,000, a drop in the bucket given that Illinois is roughly \$11,000,000,000 in debt, but a clear opportunity for Illinois' lawmakers to do as Governor Quinn has asked of Illinois families: sacrifice. The Libertarian Party of Illinois calls on the Illinois House to reconsider Rep. Black's bill and take the first step on the long road to restoring fiscal responsibility in Illinois.

The following House members voted to accept the salary increase:

Acevedo	Dunkin	Jakobsson	Soto
Arroyo	Farnham	Joyce	Smith
Beiser	Flider	Jefferson	Thapedi
Berrios	Flowers	Lang	Turner
Boland	Ford	Lyons	Verschoore
Bradley	Fritchey	Mautino	Walker
Brosnahan	Froehlich	McAsey	Washington
Burke	Golar	McCarthy	Yarbrough
Burns	Gordon, Careen	McGuire	Zalewski
Chapa LaVia	Gordon, Jehan	Mell	Madigan
Collins	Graham	Mendoza	
Colvin	Hamos	Miller	
Crespo	Hannig	Nekritz	
Currie	Hernandez	Osterman	
D'Amico	Hoffman	Phelps	
Davis, Monique	Holbrook	Reitz	
Davis, William	Howard	Riley	
DeLuca	Jackson	Ryg	

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