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DATE: September 16, 2020

TO: Legislative Representatives  
Local Secretaries

FROM: R W. Guy, State Director *RWG*

RE: SMART-TD Illinois 2020 General Election Recommendations

Please find enclosed SMART-TD's General Election recommendations for Illinois, as well as information regarding the Fair Tax Amendment ballot question that we will be supporting. The list can be copied and posted on SMART-TD bulletin boards and copies of the list can be taken with you when voting in-person either early or on election day on 11/3/20. With COVID-19 concerns remaining, it's very important for members to strongly consider voting early or by mail. In-person early voting begins on 9/24/20 and a mail-in ballot can be requested up until 10/29/20. If you or a member needs assistance in locating their early voting location or needs help in requesting a vote-by-mail ballot please call the office at 312-236-5353.

As mentioned above, SMART-TD joins the Illinois AFL-CIO and the Chicago Federation of Labor in supporting the Fair Tax Constitutional Amendment ballot question. I've included a flyer from the AFL-CIO as well as information from the Railroad Retirement Board's (RRB) website that clarifies that "RRB annuities are not taxable by states." Anti-tax groups, funded by corporations and the ultra-wealthy, are trying to mislead the voters of Illinois by sending out false information, like retirement income will be taxed if the Fair Tax Amendment passes, and that's simply not true. The facts are:

**FACT: The Fair Tax Amendment will create a higher tax rate for income over \$250,000.** Those making less will pay the same or less. (Public Act 101-008)

**FACT: Retirement income will not be taxed under the amendment.** AARP supports the Fair Tax saying "AARP supports the current graduated income tax proposals which, in no way, taxes retirement income or makes it any easier to implement a tax on retirement income. Illinois state law continues to protect retirement income from taxation, including Social Security, pensions, 401(k)s, and IRAs." (Statement by AARP State Director Bob Gallo on June 18)

**FACT: The old way of taxing income in Illinois mandates that when taxes are raised, they go up for everyone.** The Fair Tax Amendment allows Illinois to join 33 other states in shifting more of the tax burden from middle and low income earners to the wealthy. (Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, April 2018)

**FACT: The revenue generated will create less reliance on property taxes and generate more than \$3.5 billion in revenue to invest in core values like schools, health care, veterans, seniors, transportation & infrastructure.** (Governor's Office of Management and Budget, 2019)



## SMART-TD Illinois 2020 General Election Recommendations

**Ballot Question**

SUPPORT Fair Tax Constitutional Amendment

**U.S. Senate**

Dick Durbin (D)

**U.S. House**

- 1<sup>st</sup>-Bobby Rush (D)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Robin Kelly (D)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Marie Newman (D)
- 4<sup>th</sup>-Chuy Garcia (D)
- 5<sup>th</sup>-Mike Quigley (D)
- 6<sup>th</sup>-Sean Casten (D)
- 7<sup>th</sup>-Danny Davis (D)
- 8<sup>th</sup>-Raja Krishnamoorthi (D)
- 9<sup>th</sup>-Jan Schakowsky (D)
- 10<sup>th</sup>-Brad Schneider (D)
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Bill Foster (D)
- 12<sup>th</sup>-Mike Bost (R)
- 14<sup>th</sup>-Lauren Underwood (D)
- 16<sup>th</sup>-Adam Kinzinger (R)
- 17<sup>th</sup>-Cher Bustos (D)

**State Senate**

- 1<sup>st</sup>-Antonio Munoz (D)
- 4<sup>th</sup>-Kimberly Lightford (D)
- 6<sup>th</sup>-Sara Feigenholtz (D)
- 7<sup>th</sup>-Heather Steans (D)
- 10<sup>th</sup>-Robert Martwick (D)
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Celina Villanueva (D)
- 13<sup>th</sup>-Robert Peters (D)
- 16<sup>th</sup>-Jacqui Collins (D)
- 19<sup>th</sup>-Michael Hastings (D)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-Cristina Castro (D)
- 25<sup>th</sup>-Karina Villa (D)
- 28<sup>th</sup>-Laura Murphy (D)
- 31<sup>st</sup>-Melinda Bush (D)
- 34<sup>th</sup>-Steve Stadelman (D)
- 40<sup>th</sup>-Patrick Joyce (D)
- 43<sup>rd</sup>-John Conner (D)
- 46<sup>th</sup>-Dave Koehler (D)
- 49<sup>th</sup>-Meg Cappel (D)
- 52<sup>nd</sup>-Scott Bennett (D)
- 58<sup>th</sup>-Terri Bryant (R)

**State House**

- 1<sup>st</sup>-Aaron Ortiz (D)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Theresa Mah (D)
- 4<sup>th</sup>-Delia Ramirez (D)

- 5<sup>th</sup>-Lamont Robinson (D)
- 6<sup>th</sup>-Sonya Harper (D)
- 7<sup>th</sup>-Chris Welch (D)
- 8<sup>th</sup>-LaShawn Ford (D)
- 9<sup>th</sup>-Lakesia Collins (D)
- 10<sup>th</sup>-Omar Williams (D)
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Ann Williams (D)
- 12<sup>th</sup>-Margaret Croke (D)
- 13<sup>th</sup>-Greg Harris (D)
- 14<sup>th</sup>-Kelly Cassidy (D)
- 15<sup>th</sup>-John D'Amico (D)
- 16<sup>th</sup>-Denyse Wang Stoneback (D)
- 17<sup>th</sup>-Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (D)
- 18<sup>th</sup>-Robyn Gabel (D)
- 19<sup>th</sup>-Lindsey LaPointe (D)
- 20<sup>th</sup>-Michelle Darbro (D)
- 21<sup>st</sup>-Edgar Gonzalez (D)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-Michael Madigan (D)
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-Mike Zalewski (D)
- 24<sup>th</sup>-Lisa Hernandez (D)
- 25<sup>th</sup>-Curtis Tarver II (D)
- 26<sup>th</sup>-Kam Buckner (D)
- 27<sup>th</sup>-Justin Slaughter (D)
- 28<sup>th</sup>-Bob Rita (D)
- 29<sup>th</sup>-Thaddeus Jones (D)
- 30<sup>th</sup>-Will Davis (D)
- 31<sup>st</sup>-Mary Flowers (D)
- 32<sup>nd</sup>-Andre Thapedi (D)
- 33<sup>rd</sup>-Marcus Evans (D)
- 34<sup>th</sup>-Nick Smith (D)
- 35<sup>th</sup>-Fran Hurley (D)
- 36<sup>th</sup>-Kelly Burke (D)
- 37<sup>th</sup>-Michelle Fadeley (D)
- 38<sup>th</sup>-Debbie Meyers-Martin (D)
- 39<sup>th</sup>-Will Guzzardi (D)
- 40<sup>th</sup>-Jaime Andrade (D)
- 41<sup>st</sup>-Janet Yang Rohr (D)
- 42<sup>nd</sup>-Ken Mejia-Beal (D)
- 43<sup>rd</sup>-Anna Moeller (D)
- 44<sup>th</sup>-Fred Crespo (D)
- 45<sup>th</sup>-Diane Pappas (D)
- 46<sup>th</sup>-Deb Conroy (D)
- 47<sup>th</sup>-Jennifer Zordani (D)
- 48<sup>th</sup>-Terra Costa Howard (D)
- 49<sup>th</sup>-Maura Hirschauer (D)
- 50<sup>th</sup>-Kate Monteleone (D)
- 51<sup>st</sup>-Mary Edly-Allen (D)
- 52<sup>nd</sup>-Marci Suelzer (D)
- 53<sup>rd</sup>-Mark Walker (D)
- 54<sup>th</sup>-Maggie Trevor (D)

- 55<sup>th</sup>-Marty Moylan (D)
- 56<sup>th</sup>-Michelle Mussman (D)
- 57<sup>th</sup>-Jonathan Carroll (D)
- 58<sup>th</sup>-Bob Morgan (D)
- 59<sup>th</sup>-Daniel Didech (D)
- 60<sup>th</sup>-Rita Mayfield (D)
- 61<sup>st</sup>-Joyce Mason (D)
- 62<sup>nd</sup>-Sam Yingling (D)
- 63<sup>rd</sup>-Brian Sager (D)
- 65<sup>th</sup>-Martha Paschke
- 66<sup>th</sup>-Suzanne Ness (D)
- 67<sup>th</sup>-Maurice West II (D)
- 68<sup>th</sup>-John Cabello (R)
- 70<sup>th</sup>-Paul Stoddard (D)
- 71<sup>st</sup>-Joan Padilla (D)
- 72<sup>nd</sup>-Mike Halpin (D)
- 74<sup>th</sup>-Dan Swanson (R)
- 75<sup>th</sup>-David Welter (R)
- 76<sup>th</sup>-Lance Yednock (D)
- 77<sup>th</sup>-Kathleen Willis (D)
- 78<sup>th</sup>-Camille Lilly (D)
- 79<sup>th</sup>-Charlene Eads (D)
- 80<sup>th</sup>-Anthony DeLuca (D)
- 81<sup>st</sup>-Anna Stava-Murray (D)
- 83<sup>rd</sup>-Barbara Hernandez (D)
- 84<sup>th</sup>-Stephanie Kifowit (D)
- 85<sup>th</sup>-"Dee" Avelar (D)
- 86<sup>th</sup>-Larry Walsh Jr. (D)
- 92<sup>nd</sup>-Jehan Gordon-Booth (D)
- 93<sup>rd</sup>-Scott Stoll (D)
- 94<sup>th</sup>-Angel Smith (D)
- 95<sup>th</sup>-Chase Wilhelm (D)
- 96<sup>th</sup>-Sue Scherer (D)
- 97<sup>th</sup>-Harry Benton (D)
- 98<sup>th</sup>-Natalie Manley (D)
- 103<sup>rd</sup>-Carol Ammons (D)
- 104<sup>th</sup>-Cynthia Cunningham (D)
- 111<sup>th</sup>-Monica Bristow (D)
- 112<sup>th</sup>-Katie Stuart (D)
- 113<sup>th</sup>-Jay Hoffman (D)
- 114<sup>th</sup>-LaToya Greenwood (D)
- 116<sup>th</sup>-Nathan Reitz (D)
- 118<sup>th</sup>-Patrick Windhorst (R)

**Judicial**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Supreme-P. Scott Neville (D)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme-Tom Kilbride (RETAIN)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Supreme-Judy Cates (D)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate-Sharon Johnson (D)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate-Michael Hyman (D)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Appellate-Sarah Smith (D)



**This November**, Illinois voters will have the chance to update our state's constitution to allow lower tax rates for low and moderate incomes and higher tax rates for the wealthiest among us.

Right now, taxes in Illinois fall too heavily on working-class families to the benefit of the wealthy, while still not providing enough revenue for basic services. This has pushed up property taxes and forced harmful cuts to education, health care, infrastructure and public safety.

With this constitutional amendment, we will be able to ensure the wealthy in Illinois pay their fair share of taxes, while keeping taxes the same or even lowering them for 97% of residents. Passing the fair tax will help Illinois balance the budget, and invest in health care and education, without raising middle-class taxes.

Your union encourages you to vote yes on the fair tax amendment on the ballot this November.

**VOTE 'YES!'**  
ON THE  
**FAIR TAX AMENDMENT**



For more information, contact Illinois AFL-CIO at 217-544-4014 or visit [www.aflcio.org](http://www.aflcio.org).

**Important Information About  
Tax Withholding  
and  
Railroad Retirement Payments**



**For use with Form RRB W-4P**

**U.S. Railroad Retirement Board  
844 North Rush Street  
Chicago, IL 60611-1275**

**Visit our website at [www.rrb.gov](http://www.rrb.gov)**

**TXB-25 (02-20)**

## Introduction

Regular railroad retirement annuities consisting of Tier 1, Tier 2, and Vested Dual Benefit components have been subject to United States Federal income tax since 1984. Supplemental annuities have been subject to Federal income tax since 1966.

## Taxable as a Social Security Benefit

The portion of the Tier 1 component of a railroad retirement annuity that is equivalent to what the Social Security Administration would pay if railroad service were covered under the Social Security Act is treated the same as a social security benefit for Federal income tax purposes. Special guaranty amounts paid to some railroad retirement beneficiaries are also treated like social security benefits for Federal income tax purposes. The portions of a railroad retirement annuity that are taxable the same as social security benefits are generally referred to as social security equivalent benefits (SSEB).

To find out whether any of your social security equivalent benefits are taxable, you must compare the base amount for your filing status with the total of:

1. All your taxable income, including taxable pensions, wages, interest, and dividends,
2. your tax-exempt interest income, and
3. one-half of your social security equivalent benefits.

Your base amount is:

- \$25,000 if you are single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er),
- \$25,000 if you are married filing separately and lived apart from your spouse at all times during the year,
- \$32,000 if you are married filing jointly, or
- \$-0- if you are married filing separately and lived with your spouse at any time during the year.

If your taxable income and tax-exempt interest income, plus one-half of the amount of your social security equivalent benefits, is more than your base amount, some of your benefits may be taxable.

You can choose to have taxes withheld from the SSEB portion of your railroad retirement annuity by filing IRS Form W-4V. File the completed form at any Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) office. Form W-4V is available at any IRS office. The RRB will not withhold taxes from the SSEB portion of your annuity unless you file IRS Form W-4V.

## Taxes on the Non-Social Security Equivalent Benefit Portion of Tier 1, Tier 2 Benefits, Vested Dual Benefits, and Supplemental Annuity Payments

The non-social security equivalent benefit (NSSEB) portion of Tier 1 benefits, Tier 2 benefits, Vested Dual benefits, and Supplemental annuity payments are considered taxable income regardless of the amount of any other income you may have. These portions of your annuity are subject to Federal income tax withholding. If you file Form RRB W-4P to have taxes withheld based on your marital status and tax withholding allowances, we will withhold taxes from these portions of your annuity. We will not withhold taxes from the SSEB portion of your annuity unless you also file IRS Form W-4V.

*Railroad retirement annuities are not taxable by states in accordance with section 14 of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231m).*

*The RRB will not withhold state income taxes from railroad retirement payments.*