

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Governor Bruce Rauner  
Office of the Governor  
207 State House  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Rauner,

We write to urge you to take action to mitigate the disastrous impact the Republican tax bill will have on Illinoisans. As you know, the bill caps the taxpayer deduction for state and local taxes (the "SALT deduction") to a limit of \$10,000 per year. This law will affect the approximately one third of Illinoisans who use this deduction.

Illinois taxpayers already pay significantly more than the national per capita average in federal taxes even though our state receives far less than the national per capita average in federal spending. Capping the SALT deduction exacerbates this problem, and we encourage you to propose a plan to avoid the strain this new law will place on municipalities, school districts, and the state budget. As you know, millions of hardworking Illinoisans depend on the services our state provides so they can go to school, access medical care, and receive the pensions they deserve.

We are disappointed that you have failed to oppose this provision of the tax law as it has serious consequences for Illinoisans. Other states have already taken steps to offer solutions to this problem, including deductions against property and income tax based on contributions to a state 501(c)(3). The Attorney General of New Jersey recently even threatened to sue the Internal Revenue Service if it tried to cut off the availability of the charitable deduction.

The Republican tax bill enacted at the end of 2017 will hurt the citizens and local communities of our state that depend on a healthy state budget. House Republicans passed a bill on September 28, 2018, that will make the cap on the SALT deduction permanent. We call upon you to address the damage from the law and oppose the new bill.

It is imperative that you not fail the taxpayers of Illinois and respond to mitigate the damage this tax plan will have on hardworking Illinoisans and our communities. Please contact any of our offices with questions.

Sincerely,



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