

Senator Kirk Dillard

Republican Whip

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Dear Friends,

I'm at my desk on the Senate floor after yet another uneventful day of 'overtime' session, and I'm writing to ask for your help...

Things at the State Capitol are worse these days than you can imagine. Budget 'negotiations' have broken down, and are being replaced by finger-pointing and petty jealousies.

But most importantly, **some of the things being seriously considered threaten our high quality of life in the western suburbs.**

- » **Huge Tax Increase:** Governor Blagojevich and Senate President Emil Jones continue to push the Gross-Receipts Tax, a move which will **cost the average family in Illinois \$2,000 more in taxes per year - some suburban families may pay \$10,000 to \$20,000 more.**
- » **Way More Gambling than is Prudent:** Chicago Democrats tried to ramrod a massive gambling proposal through at the 11th hour...
- » **Sorry, Consumers!** Blagojevich and Democratic leaders have failed to realistically consider any relief from sky-rocketing electricity bills.
- » **Better Trade in the SUV:** Chicago Democrats stubbornly refuse to recognize the hardship high gas prices have caused suburbanites - blocking efforts to reduce the state sales tax on gas.
- » **Anyone Need a Job?** I guess Chicago Democrats don't know anyone looking for a job, because they're trying to cut job-creation incentives for employers...and just when we need them the most!

As suburbanites, we can't just sit back and watch this train wreck hurt our families, our neighborhoods, and our schools. **Now is the time to draw a line in the sand, and say NO MORE!**

That's why I need your help today. Together, **WE CAN STOP GOVERNOR BLAGOJEVICH AND THE CHICAGO DEMOCRATIC BOSSES.**

Here's how you can make a difference...

1. **Call Governor Blagojevich:** Call the Governor at his Chicago office (312-814-2121) and let him know how much you oppose his new Gross-Receipts Tax (and the \$2,000 it'll cost you) and his runaway social spending.

While he may spend more time jogging than working at the State Capitol, his political handlers will 'get the message'...

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2. **Give what you can today:** It takes money to get the truth out about what's been going on down here, especially when the Governor is being bankrolled by just about every labor union and connected special interest group he can find.

As your local State Senator, your contribution will not only be used to get the word out in DuPage County, but it will also help keep the western suburbs the "Number 1" place to live, work, and raise a family.

But while the Democrats have really messed up the state budget and let spending get out-of-control - the Democrats' monopoly on state government has led to other abuses as well...

In the midst of this crisis, **Democrats in the House and Senate voted themselves a pay raise!** And that's after they blocked 'pay-to-play' ethical reforms...Can you believe that?

And while well-meaning, Democrats are pushing radical and unworkable gun control measures - and hurting law-abiding citizens as a result.

And unbelievably, liberal Democrats are also trying to prevent parents from being notified when their minor child is planning on having a surgical abortion! Whether you're pro-life or pro-choice, I think we can all agree that parents need to be involved in something as important as this...

The Governor and Democrat-controlled legislature have not only failed to get done 'on time' - but they've also failed to act responsibly. **AND IT'S TIME WE STAND UP AND SAY NO MORE!**

That's why I'm asking for your help - whatever you can do. There's a lot at stake for suburban families. And things look bleak.

But friends, we don't have to go quietly into the night...**we can stick together, make our voices heard - as taxpayers and suburbanites - and stop this madness.** Thanks for listening, and for your support.

Very truly yours,



Kirk Dillard
State Senator

*This is really urgent --
please act now!*

Thanks. KD

PS -Any contribution you can afford balances the Governor's propaganda machine - and protects the western suburbs. **NOW'S THE TIME TO STAND UP AND SAY "STOP"!**

PPS - With no end in sight to the overtime session, call me in Springfield (217-782-8148) if you want an update on this mess! I'll be here, fighting the good fight!