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Reboletti: Governor's Budget Plan Calls for 33% Income Tax Hike

Springfield, IL ... In reaction to Governor Quinn's budget address, State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) called it irresponsible to raise the income tax, borrow more money and to delay already overdue payments.

"The State of Illinois is in the worst financial shape since the Great Depression and the Governor's 20-minute budget speech was short on solutions to fix the crisis," said Reboletti.

Quinn's budget plan includes cutting public safety and education in addition to a 33-percent income tax hike which he disguised by calling it a "surcharge." It also included borrowing \$4.7 billion and delaying \$6.3 billion in unpaid bills until next year.

"The buy now, pay later, credit card mentality has warped the state's spending practices. You can't borrow your way to prosperity," said Reboletti, who does not support the income tax hike.

Reboletti and his Republican colleagues have sponsored several bills to help control spending and to reform Medicaid and the pension system to reduce the state's long term debt obligations.

"The Democrats continue to kill our reform measures in committee and on the House floor because they refuse to change the status quo. I will continue fight to change the system," said Reboletti.

Prior to the budget address, Reboletti sent a letter to Governor Quinn regarding a legislative agenda that could be used to solve the state's financial crisis, but has yet to receive a response.

"Governor Quinn refuses to reach out to the Republicans to work on reforming the state budget. We have offered ways to fix the state's budgetary problems, but they continue to be ignored," he said.