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## Tax Raisers Ready For MASSIVE Gas Tax Increase

CHICAGO— In an urgent press conference at the Illinois State building the Illinois Representatives Allen Skillicorn (R) and Jeanne Ives (R) warned of an impending fuel tax hike. According to Representative Skillicorn, “There is a horrible rumor going around Springfield. Actually this is the worst kept secret in Springfield right now. Because there is a talk of a 25 cent to 30 cent gas tax increase. This is a massive increase.”

The warning was issued after the Democrat mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel and a slew of his allied mayors called for increasing the total gas taxes in Illinois by 71%. Such a move would make Illinois have the highest gas taxes in the nation.

The Republican representatives and their supporters wore yellow vests in solidarity with the protesters in France. In France the Yellow Vest protesters won a major victory over their president with a repeal of a similar gas tax. The original tax increase in France would have raised the price of fuel by about 30 cents per gallon and would have elevated the price over the next few years. Gas already costs over \$7 per gallon in France when including current taxes.

The plan by Springfield Tax Raisers to spike fuel prices will be devastating for Illinois. The gas tax will also disproportionately effect poor taxpayers and the middle class. This is a complete heel turn from recent propaganda by pro-high tax politicians who promised not to raise taxes on the poor and middle class.

“I’m completely unsurprised,” remarked Jim Tobin, President of Taxpayers United of America. Jim Tobin was present at the press conference and spoke briefly on the ongoing Illinois Pension Crisis. “The greedy politicians in Springfield only know how to tax and spend. It doesn’t really matter who takes the hit, so long as their government buddies receive lavish, gold plated government pensions.”