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TAXPAYERS MUST RESIST PRITZKER'S DISASTROUS TAX-INCREASE PLANS

Springfield—Last week, Ill. Gov. Jay Robert “J. B.” Pritzker (D) fired the opening salvo in his war on Illinois working families.

In a state [that spent over a billion dollars more than it took in](#) last year, Pritzker has decided to give pay raises to 20,000 Illinois government employees. This pay raise [has been estimated to cost Illinois Taxpayers an additional TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS](#) annually. In addition, Pritzker signed a bill that placed even more government regulation on Illinois gun dealers. This legislation has [already inflicted casualties amongst the firearms industry](#), with other small business to follow suit.

“If this is just the first week, then I hate to see what the entire term will look like,” said Jim Tobin, President of Taxpayers United of America (TUA). “Then again, this wasn’t unexpected. Pritzker is the only gubernatorial candidate I can think of that came into power promising to tax the hell out of people. Illinois taxpayers need to push back against this guy, who thinks he’s Santa Claus to government employees.”

Despite [claims from J.B.’s election website](#) that “I have plans to put Illinois back on the side of working families,” the reality shows Pritzker will do anything but. On the agenda is either [a Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax \(VMT\)](#) that may force a government tracker into private vehicles or a 30 cent per gallon [increase in the state gasoline tax](#). Both of these taxes will disproportionately hurt both middle and lower-class commuters, as the tax [will steal a larger percent of their limited budget](#).

Another anti-working-family tax measure is the Pritzker Amendment, a graduated state income tax increase on the Illinois Middle-class. Despite lofty statements made by Pritzker like, “[The vast majority of the people in the state of Illinois should get an income tax break](#),” and, “[The wealthiest people in the state can afford to pay a little bit more](#),” the political reality is completely different. [HB 3522, a bill designed by members of Pritzker’s political party](#), is an example of legislation that can be passed if the amendment is ratified. Such a bill could raise the income tax payment made by a middle class taxpayer earning \$40,000 by 16.44%. Thankfully, the flat income tax prevents such assaults against the middle class and those aspiring to better their station in life.

J.B. Pritzker is locked in a fight against the Illinois middle and lower class, with the spoils of war going to benefit another class, the government class. That is why it is important to contact your local state representative and senator who can be found here: <https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/> and tell him or her to resist these anti-taxpayer measures. Otherwise they may join with Governor Santa Claus in making Illinois a worse place to live.