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A Statement by Paul Caprio: The Illinois Train Wreck

Michael “Hinky Dink” Kenna, a Chicago Alderman of old, once said: “Chicago ain’t ready for reform.” Last week, aided and abetted by **10** “sellout” Republican House members, Illinois Democrats proved that “Illinois ain’t ready for reform”...despite the near bankruptcy status of state government.

Governor Rauner for 2 ½ years has demanded fundamental reforms in the way Illinois does business...runaway pension costs...an end to collection of public employee union dues by the state...ridiculous workmen’s compensation laws created to benefit trial lawyers, etc., etc., etc., etc.

Rauner was doggedly consistent. He would consider a modest tax increase in return for these and other badly needed reforms so that Illinois finally could be moving in the right direction and stop the mass exodus of taxpayers and businesses from our state.

As a result of the perfidy of **10** House Republicans who caved in to the “fake” budget and 32% tax increase dictated by Mike Madigan...the Governor’s veto of the tax increase was overridden **by a single vote**.

Here are the Republicans who must take personal responsibility for the “Illinois Train Wreck:”

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Family-Pac worked to sustain the Governor's veto. Last Wednesday, we made 25,000 calls to voters in these districts demanding support for the Rauner veto. Our Family-Pac lobbyist, Rev. Bob Vanden Bosch, encouraged pro-family legislators to support sustaining the Rauner veto. The "sellout" Republicans ignored us and their own constituents.

But don't give up all hope for Illinois at least not yet. Here's why: 1) We now have a great opportunity to replace each and every one of these "sellouts" with real pro-family conservatives next March (if not sooner). 2) In 2018, as the Madigan "fake" budget falls apart, Madigan will need to again seek help from Republicans as Illinois falls further into financial crisis.

Please call each of the "sellout" Republicans who made the "Illinois Train Wreck" possible. Say one word, "sellout," and hang up the phone.

When the times get tough, the tough get going...so let's get going. Grassroots power can still save Illinois.

Blessings,



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