*Insert your elected official’s name, sign the letter with your contact information, then print and mail to your Illinois State Representative and Senator. The below letter can also be easily copied and pasted into an email message. To find your State Representative and State Senator, including his or her mailing and email address,* [*click here*](https://www.elections.il.gov/districtlocator/addressfinder.aspx)*.*

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Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

I am very concerned with Governor Pritzker’s recent proposal to add a new 6-9% state parking tax on top of the current sky-high Chicago and Cook County parking taxes. **No other state imposes a direct tax on parking.** The introduction of such a tax in Illinois would be harmful to our state, city, and Illinois’ working families—including my own. I strongly urge you to **oppose a state parking tax**.

The current parking tax rate in Chicago–26-31%–is already higher than many major U.S. cities. This new tax hike would antagonize businesses and workers by significantly increasing the daily cost of living and working in Illinois. The proposed state parking tax would likely motivate employers and employees to move to cities and states where taxes are less burdensome.

Higher parking tax rates will deter transitory parkers—including consumers and sightseers—from visiting local businesses and attractions. Should the Illinois economy experience a drop in tourism and revenue, local business will be hurt and jobs, including mine, will be threatened. Ultimately, the harm caused by this new parking tax will far outweigh any positive impact that may come from the nominal revenue it generates.

Burdensome taxes are not right for Illinois. Governor Pritzker’s proposed tax is a threat to our state’s economy and to the hardworking men and women of Illinois. We must reconsider alternate methods of generating revenue that do not break Illinois in the process.

**I urge you to stand with working families and oppose a state parking tax.**

Sincerely,

*Your Name*

*Address*

*Phone Number*

*Email Address*