



# **Metro East Republicans Respond to Pritzker Administration's Threats to Illinois Residents for Graduated Tax Amendment**

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METRO EAST - Following a press conference this morning by House Republican Leader Jim Durkin (R-Western Springs) and Deputy Minority Leader Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) regarding threats from the Pritzker Administration to raise income taxes on every Illinoisan if the unfair tax amendment does not pass in November, Republican Candidates for State Representative Amy Elik (R-111th), David Friess (R-116th) and Lisa Ciampoli (R-112th) released the following statements:

## **Amy Elik**

"Gov. Pritzker and his administration are threatening our families with more tax hikes. They even inadvertently admitted they will have to raise taxes on the middle class to pay for Illinois' corrupt financial mess.

Monica Bristow put the tax hike amendment on the ballot. Now she won't rule out a 20% tax hike on local families. Does she agree with Chicago Democrat Lt. Gov. Stratton's projections of the pain to come if we don't support their agenda?

We must send a clear message on November 3, no more tax hikes to prop up a failed system and no more support for leaders from the Metro East who go along with the Chicago Democrats' tax and spend agenda."

## **David Friess**

"Why do Chicago Democrats never talk about reform, but rather threaten you with more tax hikes? Illinois has steadily lost population the last six years and Lt. Gov. Stratton and Gov. Pritzker think higher taxes are going to keep folks around?

The Chicago Democrats have lost all sense of reality of what Southern Illinoisans are dealing with. Rep. Reitz voted to put the tax hike amendment on the ballot. We can't trust him and Madigan to determine what's best for our families."

## **Lisa Ciampoli**

"My opponent, Katie Stuart, put the tax hike amendment on the ballot. Does she also agree with the Lieutenant Governor who is threatening to raise taxes even more if we don't support her and the Governor's tax hike plan. Their tax and spend agenda has failed our state for decades."