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### **Ramey Critical of Democrat Tax Increases**

Springfield, IL...Coming off a campaign where he promised to veto any tax increase over 1%, Democrat Governor Pat Quinn has teamed up with House Democrats to pass a historically high 66% income tax increase on working families. The Democrat back-room deal passed the House today with strong opposition from State Representative Randy Ramey (R- Carol Stream).

“Republicans in congress just came to a compromise with President Obama to allow families to keep more of their hard earned money,” said Ramey. “Illinois Democrats don’t seem to agree; in fact they took this in the other direction.”

With the 66% income tax hike and the corporate income tax increase from 7.3% to 9.5%, which will make Illinois combined national-local corporate income tax the highest in the country. Representative Ramey says the Democrats are punishing working families and businesses for their own failed leadership that created this fiscal nightmare in the first place.

“There is no doubt that drastic changes need to be made to the State’s finances,” said Ramey. “Breaking the backs of workers and employers is not the answer. Let’s not forget how we got here in the first place. The Democrats abdicated their responsibility to govern. While controlling everything for the past decade Democrats have run up our debt, increased State spending, raided billions of dollars from pensions and passed budget after budget that have been billions out of balance.”

The tax increases now move to the Senate where they are expected to pass, where a total of \$7.143 billion will be raised for state coffers. The tax increase will also be used to leverage \$12 billion in borrowing to pay down the State’s overdue bills. This jobs killing tax increase could not come at a worse time for Illinois as the state unemployment rate had just shown signs of slowing down.

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