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SEIU Local 73 Supports Much-Needed Change to Illinois Tax Rate

The following is a statement from Dian Palmer, President of SEIU Local 73, on the resolution to put the Fair Tax amendment on the ballot:

“We must fix Illinois’ unfair and inadequate tax system. The resolution to put the Fair Tax amendment on the ballot is a positive first step on fixing it. SEIU Local 73 is a public sector union whose members provide needed services to their communities. An unjust burden has been placed on them and all low-wage and middle-class working families. Illinois lags behind the nation in terms of regressive taxation failing to provide its residents with the most basic public services.

Currently, the lowest earners have the heaviest tax burden. It’s time for the wealthy to pay their share. The amendment is a good step that will lead to a fair tax rate structure that will fully fund essential services for all Illinois communities. Our membership welcomes the resolution to put the Fair Tax amendment on the ballot as an essential move towards a tax rate structure that is just and works for everybody while meeting the state’s revenue needs. We are committed to supporting the transition to a real Fair Tax all the way through.”

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SEIU Local 73 represents more than 29,000 workers, primarily in public service and publicly funded positions in school districts, municipalities, social service agencies, and many other job classifications in Illinois and Indiana. We are dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families.