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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1067

2 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump and Congressional  
3 Republicans are proposing radical changes to America's tax  
4 code; and

5 WHEREAS, The changes President Trump and his Congressional  
6 allies are discussing would significantly hurt working  
7 families; and

8 WHEREAS, President Trump and Congressional Republicans  
9 have discussed removing the state and local tax deduction, also  
10 known as SALT, as a way to pay for their proposed tax cuts; and

11 WHEREAS, The state and local tax deduction allows families  
12 that pay local property taxes, state and local sales taxes, and  
13 state income tax to deduct those taxes from their federal  
14 income tax; and

15 WHEREAS, This deduction prevents families from being  
16 double taxed, once by the federal government, and again by the  
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS, The state and local tax deduction has broad  
19 bipartisan support and has been helping Illinoisans since 1913;  
20 and

1           WHEREAS, Illinois has the fifth highest number of taxpayers  
2 who claim the state and local tax deduction in the nation; and

3           WHEREAS, Nearly two million Illinois taxpayers claimed  
4 more than \$24 billion in SALT deductions in 2015, with each  
5 claiming an average of \$12,500 in deductions; and

6           WHEREAS, Of Illinoisans who claim a SALT deduction,  
7 approximately 85 percent earn less than \$200,000 per year;  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we strongly oppose any  
11 and all efforts by the Trump Administration and Congress to  
12 eliminate or gut the state and local tax deduction to help pay  
13 for tax cuts; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That we call upon Governor Rauner to work with  
15 the Illinois Congressional delegation to ensure that the state  
16 and local tax deduction is not eliminated or gutted; and be it  
17 further

18           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
19 delivered to the Illinois Congressional delegation.