

March 9, 2010

**REFERENCE:            *REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX REVENUE  
                                 THAT IS DISTRIBUTED TO MUNICIPALITIES***

Dear Senators and Representatives:

We are residents of the area that you represent, who live in Palos Park. Upon reading the article in the March 7, 2010 Tribune, in which Governor Quinn is quoted as saying that he will be proposing to reduce the municipality's share of the State income tax from 10% to 7%, because "***local government must share some of the pain***" in addressing the State's budget problems, we were shocked. Municipalities in general (and the Village of Palos Park in particular), are not responsible for the State's current budget problems. Rather, those individuals who have approved the State's prior expenditures and budgets (the Governor and the Legislature) are responsible, and should address the budget problems without impacting the budgets of municipalities who have been fiscally responsible, and who already are subject to excessive unfunded mandates from the State.

I want to let you know that I oppose the Governor's proposal to reduce Palos Park's share of the income tax by 30%, and that my town would lose \$130,000. This money is not a handout from the State; it is the municipal share of the income tax to help our municipality. Please oppose this budget proposal.

Please know that we and our neighbors will be monitoring your votes in regard to this most important matter, (in retrospect, something we probably should have been doing more closely all along), and our future actions at the polls will directly relate to your actions relative to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,