



Illinois Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

Death Tax Repeal matters for Illinois

In just a few short weeks the death tax (aka, federal estate tax) comes roaring back to life at the rate of 55% on all estates above \$1 million.

Former Congressional Budget Office Director Douglass Holtz-Eakin has calculated that reinstating the death tax will cost the country 1.4 million small-business jobs.¹ Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.

The voter guide indicates whether candidates have committed to supporting permanent death tax repeal by signing the *Death Tax Repeal Pledge*. The guide also provides the legislative voting record for incumbent members of the U.S. Senate and House.

Please review the guide before voting and share with your friends, family members, and colleagues. PDF copies of the guide are available at www.nodeathtax.org/election2010. Don't forget to vote!

U.S. Senate Candidates

| Candidate | Repeal Pledge Signer? | H.R. 4213 (2010) | Amend . 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009) | H.R. 8 (2006) | H.R. 1836 (2001) | H.R. 8 (2000) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Alexi Giannoulias (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | | |
| Rep. Mark Kirk (R) | NOT SIGNED | As a Member of Congress, Mark Kirk voted for repeal in 2001 (H.R. 1836), 2005 (H.R. 8), and 2007 (instructions to recommit, H.R. 3056) and against making the tax permanent at the rate of 45% in 2009 (H.R. 4154). | | | | |

Vote Key:

H.R. 4213 (2010): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8 (2006): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 8: (2002): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

H.R. 8 (2000): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

Amendment 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009): Would have set aside room in the budget to make the death tax permanent at the rate of 35% with a \$5 million individual exemption.

Blue represents a vote for repeal or reform of the estate tax. **Red** represents a vote to maintain the death tax status quo.

Candidates who were not in office at the time of the vote are listed blank for the relevant vote. Candidates who were in office but chose not to vote for the legislation are listed as "not voting."

¹ See Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Cameron T. Smith, "Growth Consequences of Estate Tax Reform: Impacts on Small and Family Businesses," *American Family Business Foundation*, September 2010.

U.S. House Candidates

| Candidate | Repeal Pledge Signer? | H.R. 4154 (2009) | H.R. 3056 (2007) | H.R. 8 (2002) | H.R. 1836 (2001) |
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| District 1 | | | | | |
| Rep. Bobby Rush (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | NO | NOT VOTING |
| Ray Wardingly (R) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 2 | | | | | |
| Rep. Jesse L. Jackson Jr. (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| Isaac Hayes (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | |
| District 3 | | | | | |
| Rep. Dan Lipinski (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | NO | NOT VOTING |
| Mike Bendas (R) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 4 | | | | | |
| Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| District 5 | | | | | |
| Rep. Mike Quigley (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | | | |
| David Ratowitz (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | |
| District 6 | | | | | |
| Rep. Peter Roskam (R) | NOT SIGNED | NO | YES | | |
| Ben Lowe (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 7 | | | | | |
| Rep. Danny K. Davis (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| Mark Weiman (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | |
| Clarence Desmond Clemons (I) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 8 | | | | | |
| Rep. Melissa Bean (D) | NOT SIGNED | NO | NOT VOTING | YES | |
| Joe Walsh (R) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 9 | | | | | |
| Rep. Jan | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | NO | NO |

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| Schakowsky (D) | | | | | |
| Joel Pollak (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | |
| District 10 | | | | | |
| Bob Dold (R) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| Dan Seals (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 11 | | | | | |
| Rep. Debbie Halvorson (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | | | |
| Adam Kinzinger (R) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 12 | | | | | |
| Rep. Jerry Costello (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | YES | NO |
| Teri Newman (R) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 13 | | | | | |
| Rep. Judy Biggert (R) | NOT SIGNED | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| Scott Harper (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 14 | | | | | |
| Rep. Bill Foster (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | | | |
| Randy Hultgren (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | |
| District 15 | | | | | |
| Rep. Tim Johnson (R) | NOT SIGNED | NO | NOT VOTING | YES | YES |
| David Gill (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 16 | | | | | |
| Rep. Don Manzullo (R) | NOT SIGNED | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| George Gaulrapp (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 17 | | | | | |
| Rep. Phil Hare (D) | NOT SIGNED | YES | NO | | |
| Bobby Schilling (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | | | | |
| District 18 | | | | | |
| Rep. Aaron Schock (R) | SIGNED PLEDGE | NO | | | |
| D.K. Hirner (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |
| District 19 | | | | | |

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|--------------------------|-------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Rep. John Shimkus (R) | NOT SIGNED | NO | YES | YES | YES |
| Tim Bagwell (D) | NOT SIGNED | | | | |

Vote Key:

H.R. 4154 (2009): Would have cancelled the 2010 death tax repeal and made the tax permanent at 45% with a \$3.5 million exemption.

H.R. 3056 (2007): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8: (2005): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

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