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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The investments that the State of Illinois makes
3 in communities through programs and services funded in the
4 state budget are vitally important in helping ensure all
5 Illinois families can thrive; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois' ability to fund programs
7 and services is now under threat from the federal government
8 as President Donald Trump and senior advisor Elon Musk are
9 unlawfully moving to unilaterally stop federal funding and are
10 pushing for deep budgetary cuts in order to slash taxes again
11 for the richest Americans, including Elon Musk; and

12 WHEREAS, These federal changes will be devastating for
13 millions of Illinoisans in a multitude of ways as they will
14 mean deep cuts to the roughly \$34 billion Illinois receives
15 annually from the federal government for a range of programs
16 and services, such as health coverage for three million
17 Illinoisans through Medicaid, food assistance programs for
18 families, and services to support the State's public transit
19 system; and

20 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has the power to
21 meaningfully protect Illinoisans from the Trump
22 administration's plans to make deadly cuts to federal

1 investments in the health and well-being of our communities
2 and the planet; and

3 WHEREAS, Since the unsuccessful fair tax amendment in
4 2020, funding essential programs and services in the State
5 budget has become increasingly difficult; Illinois has not had
6 a major increase in state revenue since and continues to
7 experience a significant revenue shortfall; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois has the eighth most unequal state and
9 local tax system in the nation and the most unequal of all
10 states in the Midwest with the lowest-income 20% of households
11 paying twice the portion of their incomes as compared with the
12 top 1%; and

13 WHEREAS, Illinois' corporate income tax policies contain
14 many loopholes that allow multinational corporations to avoid
15 paying taxes by hiding their vast profits; and

16 WHEREAS, Income and wealth inequality in the United States
17 have reached record levels with Illinois having the most
18 severe income inequality of all states in the Midwest and with
19 corporate profitability reaching an all-time high last year;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois plays an important role in

1 ensuring racial, gender, and immigrant justice; and

2 WHEREAS, Illinois must work to ensure fairness and
3 opportunity for all Illinoisans regardless of their race,
4 gender, or where they come from; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the State of
8 Illinois to make needed investments in Illinois communities by
9 raising \$6 billion in new revenue from the ultra-wealthy and
10 mega-corporations; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we urge revenue policies, such as raising
12 the corporate income tax, closing corporate tax loopholes and
13 taxing corporate offshore sheltered income, closing the
14 carried interest loophole, and taxing data extraction by big
15 tech corporations, should be used to fund priorities, such as
16 strengthening public transit operations, supporting immigrant
17 communities by fully funding immigrant services, protecting
18 healthcare access for all, fully funding public schools in
19 every community, supporting senior home care, and improving
20 the child tax credit program, the direct cash assistance,
21 re-entry employment programs, violence prevention programs,
22 and affordable housing opportunities; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we affirm that, in addition to funding
2 these critically-needed services, implementing these revenue
3 policies will have the benefit of making our State's tax
4 system less unfair to the lowest income Illinoisans; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 delivered to Governor JB Pritzker.