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**The Responsible Budget Coalition Applauds the General Assembly for
Ending the Budget Nightmare with New Revenue**

The Responsible Budget Coalition (RBC), a coalition of more than 300 organizations across the state that fights for fair and adequate revenue to support state priorities, applauds the members of the Illinois General Assembly for ending this catastrophic budget impasse. By having the courage to pass a budget with \$5 billion of permanent new revenue, they have saved the state from even more devastating cuts to vital services and will allow schools, social service agencies, and healthcare providers to begin to heal and plan for the future. Millions of Illinoisans will be able to live a better life in the coming year because of this vote.

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The Responsible Budget Coalition (RBC) is a large and diverse coalition of over 300 organizations concerned about state budget and tax issues. It includes organizations that serve children, families, veterans, seniors and people with disabilities; education groups concerned about early learning, K-12 and higher education; labor unions; faith-based and civic organizations; and many others.

The RBC is a non-partisan, trusted source of information on state budget and tax policy and a leader in the fight to pass a budget that chooses revenue over cuts to vital services.

The individual organizations that belong to the RBC represent a diverse range of interests but are united by these three common principles:

- Adequate revenue to support state priorities and make smart investments
- No more cuts to vital programs and services
- Fairness in raising revenue

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