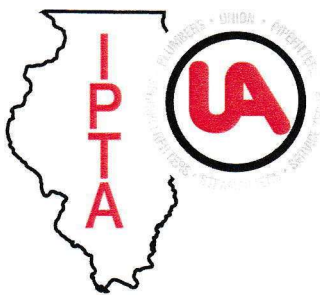


# Illinois Pipe Trades Association



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Hon. John F. Curran  
Minority Leader  
Illinois Senate

Dear Leader Curran,

The Illinois Pipe Trades Association represents 21 local unions and over 26,000 union workers in the piping industry. Our members perform crucial work throughout Illinois at our state's schools, universities, hospitals, prisons, and other facilities.

We are reaching out to express concerns about the proposed increase in sports betting taxes which would be directed towards the general revenue fund to close gaps in the coming year's budget. Since it was enacted, this revenue from sports betting has been a dedicated and much needed source of vertical capital construction revenue.

We continue to have looming capital needs across the state. Our water supply and drinking water infrastructure is in dire need of updates and replacement. We feel it is shortsighted to direct a potential source of additional capital revenue to the general revenue fund while we are searching for ways to fund our state's critical infrastructure.

We would ask that you consider other options to address a short-term budgetary issue at the sake of the state's long-term needs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Allison  
Executive Director

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Herrin IL

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