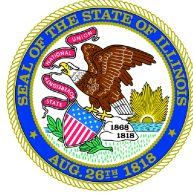


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Re: Property Tax Circuit Breaker Program

Dear Councilmembers Kelly, Suffredin, and Davis,

I am writing in support of the proposed Property Tax Circuit Breaker Program in Evanston, an initiative that would provide an important and targeted effort to help long-term, low- and moderate-income Evanston residents manage rising property tax burdens and remain in their homes.

As property taxes and everyday expenses continue to rise, many households are finding it harder to keep up. This proposal represents a thoughtful, focused approach to addressing those pressures. This program would provide meaningful relief by limiting the share of property taxes that exceed a sustainable percentage of household income. By prioritizing households with the greatest need and capping individual awards, the program promotes a responsible, targeted, and community-centered solution while extending help to as many residents as possible. Targeting assistance based on income ensures that relief reaches those facing the greatest strain, providing stability for families most vulnerable to being priced out of the community.

The Property Tax Circuit Breaker Program will help prevent displacement, support housing stability, and encourage the economic diversity that makes Evanston a strong and inclusive community. I commend the City for developing a responsible, locally funded solution that addresses affordability without placing new burdens on other taxpayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn Gabel".

Robyn Gabel
Majority Leader
State Representative, 18th District