



## **Parking Industry Unites to Express Opposition to Proposed Chicago Parking Tax Hike**

*Parking tax increase will not reduce congestion and will have negative long-term effects on downtown economic vitality*

**What:** Mayor Emanuel proposed a \$2 increase in parking taxes on weekday parking in lots and garages in downtown Chicago calling it a “congestion fee.” The Parking Industry Labor Management Committee (PILMC) is fighting the tax increase by launching a grassroots campaign. As part of the campaign, PILMC members will distribute fliers to parkers encouraging them to contact their alderman to vote against the proposed congestion fee. The campaign also will include an aggressive phone call strategy and other grassroots and coalition building efforts to raise awareness of the negative consequences of the proposed parking increase.

PILMC has outlined why the parking tax increase will create more problems than it will solve, such as:

- Tax hike burdens workers and deters business
- Steeper parking taxes will not reduce highway congestion
- The parking tax increase will not generate anticipated budget revenues
- CTA and Metra cannot handle any ridership increases the parking tax hike may create
- Current Chicago parking rates already are too expensive
- Congestion mitigation requires a comprehensive, not single-point approach

A copy of the flier will be available at [www.chicagoparkingmap.com](http://www.chicagoparkingmap.com).

**Date:** Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011

**Where:** Government Center Garage  
181 N. Clark Street (just south of Lake Street)  
Chicago, IL

**Time:** 8:00am – 9:00am

**Who:** PILMC represents the operators, owners and workers of Chicago parking garages, including more than 4,000 parking industry employees represented by Teamsters Local 727 in the Chicago area.

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