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The sales tax rate in DuPage County went up on April 1st. There are some DuPage County politicians who will undoubtedly blame "those Democrats in Springfield and Cook County" for the increase. But here are the facts: the sales tax was supposed to be increased by 0.25% for mass transit use only. However, DuPage County Board Chairman Robert Schillerstrom convinced Springfield to add another 0.25% increase in the collar counties for "public safety." Three state senators from DuPage County - Cronin, Dillard, and Millner - were the deciding votes in favor of the additional increase.

And now, as predicted, it's a feeding frenzy at the taxpayer trough in DuPage County for this \$47 million in new sales taxes.

And the DuPage County Board wants us to be grateful that they are considering abating \$1 million of our property taxes (which will amount to about \$2.50 for each property owner)?

We cannot afford to continue this "tax and spend" philosophy of the current DuPage County Board. Voters need to remind DuPage County Board Members that we are not Cook County, nor do we want to be.

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