



## News From State Representative Jeanne Ives

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### **Rep. Ives: It's Time to Remove Auditor General Mautino**

Wheaton...This week Illinois Auditor General Frank Mautino refused to comply with the State Board of Elections' deadline to amend campaign reports and clarify questionable campaign expenditures. His failure to provide this information after receiving multiple time extensions to gather the details is further evidence that he should be removed for cause. State Representative Jeanne Ives stressed again today that it is time for the General Assembly to move forward with his removal from office.

“For months the General Assembly and now the State Board of Elections have demanded answers, but Auditor General Mautino has continually refused,” said Rep. Ives (R-Wheaton). “The Auditor General is essentially the taxpayers’ top financial watchdog in Springfield. If Auditor General Mautino won’t provide answers to inquiries about his own finances, and he won’t resign, then it’s time to remove him from office. Taxpayers must have confidence that their Auditor General has followed the law and has the utmost integrity. Additionally, Mr. Mautino must step down as he clearly has a conflict of interest as his responsibilities as Auditor General require him to investigate a state agency that is now investigating him. Only in Illinois would this situation not call for a universal bipartisan call for him to step aside immediately.”

Earlier this month, Representative Ives and other members of the General Assembly filed House Joint Resolution 158 to remove Frank Mautino from the office of Auditor General. The resolution will require a three-fifths majority vote in both chambers of the General Assembly for passage.

“Illinois families are tired of corruption and elected officials who believe they are above the law. Auditor General Mautino cannot do his job while his own finances are under federal investigation and while he refuses to provide the basic answers taxpayers need to have confidence in our government,” Rep. Ives said. “We in the General Assembly have the authority to remove him from office for cause. It’s time for us to do so. I ask all my colleagues to sign onto HJR158 and for Speaker Madigan to call the resolution for a vote as soon as possible.”

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