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State of Illinois bill backlog at \$12,800,000,000, or \$1,000 per resident

CHICAGO – The State of Illinois earns a dubious distinction as our bill backlog hits an all-time high of \$12.8 billion.

<http://ledger.illinoiscomptroller.gov/>

The figure represents \$1,000.00 for each of the 12.8 million men, women and children who call Illinois home. The backlog is the pile of unpaid bills the state has accumulated by spending more than it takes in as we operate without a budget.

Illinois State Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza said this unprecedented failure to meet our financial obligations cannot continue without increasingly troubling consequences for Illinois families.

“Illinois is in the midst of a historic financial meltdown and these numbers tell only a small piece of the story. Our social service agencies, schools and seniors have suffered during the 21 months we’ve waited for executive action on an actual budget. It is long past time for the Governor to fulfill his duty under the Illinois’ Constitution (Article VIII Section 2(a)) to present a balanced budget proposal for the General Assembly to consider. Legislators must rise to the occasion and meet their responsibility as well.”



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