AAUW-IL Supports the Fair Tax!

The tax rate in Illinois is set by the Illinois legislature but the Illinois Constitution requires that a set rate must be for Illinoisans. Many states AND the federal tax rate is based upon one’s ability to pay. That means that folks making $30,000 pays a lower rate than folks making $300,000. That is why the name of this constitutional change is called the Fair Tax.

If the Fair Tax passes Illinois will pay a rate dependent upon their income. Currently multimillionaires and billionaires just pay 7% of their income while folks who have middle to low incomes pay 13% of their incomes. That is not fair!

AAUW agrees that individuals need to pay according to their ability. Since women don’t have pay equity . . . many women fall in the lower incomes and end up paying the higher percentage than the Fair Tax would allow.

Please vote Yes for the Fair Tax.

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This is the wording that will appear on your ballot:

"The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution."