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## ***Can the Tax Statement on Veto-Proof Majority Support for Beverage Tax Repeal***

**(CHICAGO - October 6, 2017)** - The Can the Tax Coalition issued the following statement today after Cook County Commissioners Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, Stanley Moore and Dennis Deer announced their support for an ordinance to repeal the county’s unfair, overwhelmingly unpopular beverage tax. Twelve commissioners have now publicly stated they will support a repeal of the tax - enough commissioners to override a potential veto from Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and ensure the tax will be repealed.

*“Cook County residents and businesses have spoken and expressed their overwhelming opposition to this harmful, regressive and unfair beverage tax. Common sense has prevailed and a super majority of commissioners have listened and now support the tax’s repeal. The vote can’t come soon enough.”*

The Board’s Finance Committee is scheduled to vote on the repeal ordinance next Tuesday, October 10 and the County Board will vote on final passage next Wednesday, October 11.

### **About the Can the Tax Campaign and Coalition**

The *Can the Tax* coalition is an initiative of more than a dozen organizations in Cook County uniting to educate Cook County consumers, businesses and news media about the negative impact of the Cook County beverage tax on our local consumers and businesses. The Coalition will urge the Board of Cook County Commissioners to repeal the beverage tax to ensure Cook County residents have access to affordable consumer products and avoid the lost jobs and harm the tax will cause working families. Campaign activities are paid for by the American Beverage Association, a member of the *Can the Tax* campaign and coalition. To learn more, visit [StopTheCookCountyTax.com](http://StopTheCookCountyTax.com).

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