With the holiday season upon us I know Illinois families can't afford a tax hike—that's why I'm working towards a bipartisan solution on the "fiscal cliff" that would keep tax cuts for middle class families in place.

There's bipartisan agreement that balancing the budget requires increasing revenue, but I won't let Congress do that at the expense of working families.

That's why I'm working to make sure the highest earners pay their fair share AND I'm fighting to protect the programs that make up our safety net like Social Security and Medicare.

If you're interested in receiving information from me on how "fiscal cliff" negotiations are progressing you can sign up for my email updates and "like" my page on Facebook .

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!