

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

We write with a unified message as Republican Members of the United States House of Representatives for the State of Illinois to express our concerns regarding a request for a presidential pardon from former Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan. Illinois families and taxpayers have suffered for decades under entrenched corruption, and a pardon in this case would send a dangerous message that public officials can betray the public trust with impunity.

In February 2025, a federal jury in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois convicted Madigan on multiple counts of conspiracy, wire fraud, and bribery following a four-month trial. The investigation revealed that Madigan used his decades of political power to direct contracts, influence state agencies, and manipulate the awarding of government funds for personal gain and the benefit of allies. His actions harmed the people of our state and undermined their trust in their government.

In June 2025, Judge John Robert Blakey sentenced Madigan to seven and a half years in federal prison and imposed a \$2.5 million fine for abusing his office. The court subsequently denied his request to remain free pending appeal, reinforcing the gravity of his crimes. Following these convictions, Madigan was formally disbarred by the Illinois Supreme Court, removing his law license and further demonstrating his conduct was inconsistent with the ethical and professional standards required of attorneys.

Several individuals closely associated with Madigan were also convicted and sentenced for their roles in the same bribery and corruption scheme. They received prison sentences ranging from approximately one to two years for their participation. These convictions underscore this was a broad and serious corruption network, and that multiple participants were held accountable under the law.

The bribery and corruption scheme involved the misuse of state resources, including directing public utility contracts and payments to benefit private political allies. This was a deliberate, long-running pattern of abuse of public office.

Granting clemency in this case would not only reward a lifetime of unethical behavior but also embolden other public officials to exploit their offices for personal gain. For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to deny any request for a presidential pardon from Michael Madigan. Denying his request is the best way to ensure Illinois residents know their leaders are held to the highest standards of integrity.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress



Darin LaHood
Member of Congress



Mary Miller
Member of Congress