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### **STATEMENT ON REPUBLICAN FREEZE PROPOSAL**

Governor Doyle's budget includes an approximate 9.5% property tax increase. The Joint Committee on Finance and the Senate Republican Team will not let Governor Doyle's property tax increase occur. Republicans will pass a no tax increase budget.

Because we understand the need to control property taxes in Wisconsin, we will support a property tax freeze proposal that includes a reasonable growth package. We will also include items in our shared revenue package to allow local governments to raise revenue as well.

We remain committed to working with the Committee, the Assembly and Governor Doyle to approve a shared revenue package that best serves the property taxpayers of the state.

The Committee will wrap up our work on the budget next week.