



*Senate Majority Leader*  
**Mary E. Panzer**

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*Wisconsin State Senate • 20th District*

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The Honorable James Doyle  
Governor, State of Wisconsin  
115 East, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Governor Doyle:

I am writing today to request that you sign the budget bill without any further delay. Every additional day that you delay only adds to the fiscal problems of the state.

The Legislature passed the budget bill June 24th. We preserved 90% of the bill that you provided us in February and you have had over three weeks to review the Legislature's modifications. You have traveled across the state and made major veto announcements regarding \$100 million in cuts and increased spending in education, shared revenue, stewardship, SeniorCare, and Farmland Preservation. I would assume that after three weeks of work and all of these announcements that you would be ready to sign the budget. It's time to finish this process.

Everyday you waste going around the state with your traveling road show trying to muster up support for your vetoes, is another day that spending cuts the Legislature made don't go into effect. That is \$334,055,600 in cuts that do not go into effect until you sign the bill. This costs the taxpayers money.

We took your budget proposal and in the full public eye returned the budget to you on time as we said we were going to at the beginning of this process. In fact, this is earliest the budget has been passed by the Legislature in 20 years. We did our part. In the interest of the local governments, the school districts and most importantly the taxpayers of this state, I ask you to ask for the bill and sign it into law.

Sincerely,

MARY E. PANZER  
Senate Majority Leader

