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Today, in Governor Doyle's veto message, he stated that he did not raise taxes. That's simply not true. All last year, as a candidate, Jim Doyle traveled around this state saying he would under no circumstances raise taxes. Under the pressure of special interests, he broke his promise and assured that the citizens of this state would get up to a 9.45% property tax increase.

The Governor continues to talk about "a new day," but all this day is about is broken promises and increased taxes. Wisconsin taxpayers can't afford Governor Doyle's type of governing.

Senate Republicans will take up a veto-override in an effort to protect the citizens of Wisconsin from this tax increase. I urge my Democratic colleagues to listen to the voices of the taxpayers and join Senate Republicans in overriding this veto. The people of Wisconsin have voiced their support for controls on property taxes. The voters in the 21st Assembly District resoundingly showed their support of the freeze. Obviously, Governor Doyle was not listening.