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## **Plale Unveils New Approach to Property Tax Relief**

SOUTH MILWAUKEE—Today, State Senator Jeff Plale (D-South Milwaukee) unveiled a plan that works towards real property tax relief for Wisconsin residents. Based on the concerns of hundreds of constituents he has heard from over the past several weeks, Plale has crafted a thoughtful alternative that doesn't require citizens to choose between property tax relief and municipal services.

“All across Wisconsin, people are being told that their only choice is between good services and property tax relief. That is a false choice,” Plale said. “The entire debate about the property tax freeze has been predicated on false choices. That's what happens when ideas are not debated as ideas. I believe that we can have property tax relief in this state and protect the services we need.”

Highlights of the plan include:

- A three-year levy limit that allows local government more flexibility to govern themselves.
- Protects schools by allowing a higher per-pupil allocation.
- Exemption of Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Districts from local levy limits, which would encourage economic development.
- A 20% increase in the successful Property Tax/Rent Credit and Homestead Tax Credit.

The plan also allows the legislature to take up the property tax issue in the proper legislative process. Tomorrow, the State Senate will vote to override Governor Doyle's veto of the Republican property tax freeze.

Plale added, “What we have in front of us tomorrow is an imperfect document. It is also un-amendable. To come back and “fix” something over and over again is shortsighted. Let's do it right the first time and make it real.”

Plale urges his colleagues to join him in sustaining Governor Doyle's veto and work towards real property tax relief.

