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Milwaukee County Executive and Candidate for Governor Scott Walker Released the Following Statement Regarding the Proposed Constitutional Amendment for Taxpayers

“Today is the beginning of the end, the end of runaway taxing authorities and frivolous spending. Thanks to Senator Glenn Grothman and Representative Jeff Wood for proposing this amendment that will surely pass once it is presented to the people of Wisconsin. People in this state agree that when taxes go up they should have a direct vote to say ‘yes’ or ‘no’.”

“I am slightly concerned that some of the provisions in the amendment may not be as strong as they could be. I would submit that Wisconsin’s rainy day fund should be 15% and require a 2/3’s vote to spend from it, the state implement an independent commission to determine reasonable costs for a mandate or rule, and that tax increase referendums should only be allowed during regularly scheduled elections in the fall and spring.”

“I anticipate these governments and school boards that will be ‘spending constrained’ are going to do their best to tell us their doom and gloom stories about how they will not be able to survive, or how this amendment takes away the idea of ‘representative democracy’. I urge you to recognize that since I took over Milwaukee County we have grown our tax levy below the rate of inflation and we are operating more efficiently than ever before.”

“We should be proud of the people we represent. If the people tell us they are going to limit the amount of money we have to serve their needs, then so be it. We should serve the people as they wish.”

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