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## **Congressman Green: Prove the Validity of Your Policy Position Name Calling Not Welcome in the Race for Governor**

(Wauwatosa,) Congressman Mark Green's response to ads run by the gubernatorial campaign of County Executive and Candidate for Governor Scott Walker ignore the facts according to Bruce Pfaff, Walker for Governor Campaign Manager. Green's statement cries foul but proves nothing regarding the Congressman's policy position.

"Mark Green's new position on property tax relief and school aids will force property taxes to go up, plain and simple," said Pfaff. "Regrettably, Congressman Green is making the same mistake Jim Doyle did in his first budget when property taxes went up over 12.5% in two years."

In 1995, Green, Walker and other Legislative Republicans voted for a three-part property tax relief plan that included two-thirds funding for schools. Now, Green is backing away from that commitment.

Doyle made a similar promise in the 2002 campaign and then broke that promise in his first budget. Doyle dropped state aid for schools to just over 63% and property taxes went up more than 12.5% in two years.

"Mark Green can not defend backing away from his promise to property taxpayers so he is on the attack." Pfaff said. "His own statement says that he supports the Taxpayer Protection Amendment, however supporting TPA while backing away from two-thirds will force a property tax increase."

The language of the Taxpayer Protection Amendment says that if state aid for schools is less than it was in the previous year, the local school district can raise taxes to pay for the lost state aid. Backing away from the state commitment to two-thirds funding will actually force a property tax increase. These facts can be found directly in the text of the Taxpayer Protection Amendment.

"It is ironic that we are being lectured on spending from a Congressman who is a part of the U.S. House leadership at a time when federal spending went up 33% in the past five years. Spending increases were half of that under Bill Clinton," Pfaff added.

Pfaff reiterated that Green misrepresented Scott Walker's position at the February 22, "Insight 2006" forum and these ads clarify the difference between Walker and his opponents, Jim Doyle and Mark Green. Any future ads will also focus on the difference between Walker and his opponents, Jim Doyle and Mark Green.