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MARK POCAN STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED 2007-09 BUDGET

“It was evident from last night’s budget address that some people in the legislature won’t stand up for affordable health care, quality schools or creating new jobs, but they will fight to defend their friends in big oil and big tobacco.

“The Governor’s budget provides real tax breaks for working people in Wisconsin. The budget lays out tax breaks for residential property taxes, tuition and other educational costs, health insurance premiums, child care costs and social security. It’s clear that the Governor has made lessening the tax burden on working families in Wisconsin his number one priority.

“I look forward to working with Governor Doyle in ensuring that the working men and women of Wisconsin get the tax breaks they deserve. And I’ll do my best to make sure that the ‘tax increase’ rhetoric designed to protect big oil and big tobacco is exposed for just exactly what it is – a way to protect the special interests and those who fund political campaigns.”