



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Governor Jim Doyle
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Dear Governor Doyle:

As with any omnibus piece of legislation, there are numerous items contained in Conference Substitute Amendment 1 to March 2008 Special Session Assembly Bill 1 (the "budget repair bill"). Some of us supported and others of us opposed the overall package for various reasons.

But regardless of how we voted on adoption of the budget repair bill conference committee report, we the undersigned share in our opposition to the bill's inclusion of the Property Tax Exemption for Low-Income Housing provision and respectfully request the veto of that provision from the budget repair bill.

From a purely procedural standpoint, this provision is a non-fiscal policy item which has no place in a budget repair bill. The bill is intended to address a \$527 million budget deficit; the inclusion of the low-income housing property tax exemption provision will not reduce the budget deficit by a single cent.

This provision should not become law. Therefore, we once again urge your veto of the Property Tax Exemption for Low-Income Housing provision from the budget repair bill.

Sincerely,