

May 15, 2008

Governor Jim Doyle
State Capitol, PO Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Governor Doyle,

We write to you today regarding the budget repair bill which was approved this week by the Senate and Assembly. We are greatly concerned with provisions within the bill that would eliminate deductions for rental payments and interest payments to a related entity. According to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau analysis, these provisions will amount to at least a \$15 million increase in the cost of doing business in Wisconsin. These costs will undoubtedly be passed on to consumers, who are already struggling with high food and gas prices.

According to Forbes Magazine, Wisconsin currently has the 7th worst business climate in the nation, and these provisions will only increase the cost of doing business in our state. Any additional decline of our tax climate will undoubtedly cause even more job creators to leave our state for ones with friendlier business climates, taking jobs out of our state and exacerbating the present economic downturn even further.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you veto the rental payment and interest payment provisions and help us keep businesses and jobs in Wisconsin.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,