



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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January 21, 2009

The Honorable James Doyle, Governor  
The State of Wisconsin  
One East Wing, Capital Building  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Governor Doyle,

We wish to thank you for your leadership in urging Congress to create a strong federal stimulus package to help jump start the Wisconsin and national economy. We also want to take this opportunity to extend our hand as partners in this historic effort.

As you know, Wisconsin's budget problems did not occur overnight. The past thirty years of the federal government pushing costs to state and local governments have proven disastrous. Furthermore, there is a national and global economic freeze which has been exacerbated by federal policies that have failed to protect our national financial system and exposed millions of individuals and families to an unprecedented level of vulnerability.

As Democrats in the Legislature, we stand ready and able to be full partners with you to develop policies to help grow Wisconsin's economy while at the same time, protecting vital services such as education, health care and transportation. In our view, Congress has set the right parameters for making this stimulus package bold, efficient, and speedy. It is critical to our constituents that these dollars not be wasted on pork barrel projects or become a vehicle for political posturing. Instead, these funds need to go into the hands of individuals and families as fast as possible.

When it comes to Milwaukee, we stand united in emphasizing the following portions of the proposed stimulus package:

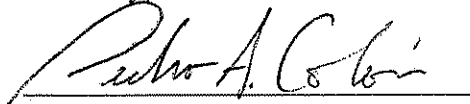
- Support for infrastructure that bolsters health care programs, courts, schools, unemployment compensation, income maintenance, and other safety net services.
- Immediate one-time funds for public infrastructure and energy conservation. The selection process for these projects should put a priority on local roads and highways in Milwaukee – not just the Interstate system. Funding should also be designated for public transportation.

- Lastly, we believe in middle class tax cuts along with some form of debt relief for strapped consumers and family households. It would be unconscionable to expect taxpayers to bailout mortgage companies, banks, and insurance companies while not providing assistance to these same people, who have been using credit cards and home equity to survive over the last several years during this economic downturn.

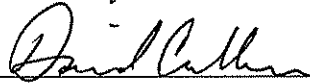
In closing, we encourage you to work with Milwaukee legislators and Mayor Tom Barrett. We stand with you and look forward to working together to do what's best for Wisconsin and its citizens.

Milwaukee cannot afford to wait any longer. People need jobs and a growing economy that includes a healthier real estate market, affordable energy prices, and a skilled workforce. Over the next month, we expect to see fast action on the part of Congress and the White House. We look forward to working with your administration, Mayor Barrett, and other civic leaders in Milwaukee who are serious about moving forward for the benefit of all citizens.

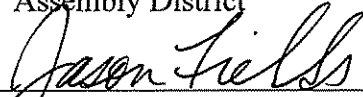
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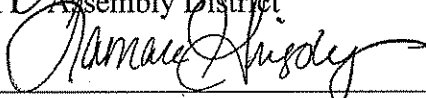
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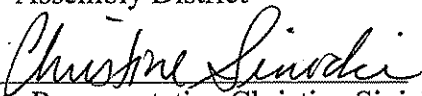
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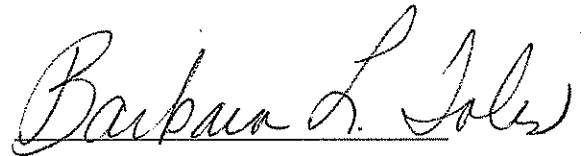
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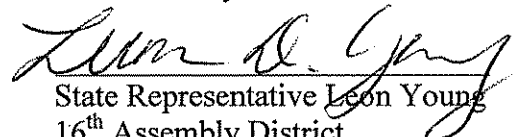
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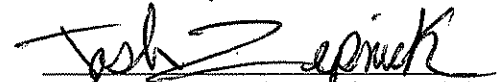
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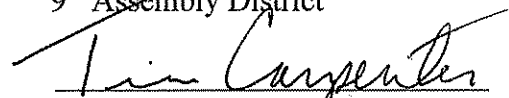
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