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WALKER CALLS ON JIM DOYLE TO SIGN A REAL PROPERTY TAX FREEZE

Governor's Proposed Vetoes Nothing More Than a Campaign Photo Op and not a real Property Tax Freeze

Wauwatosa... Milwaukee County Executive and Republican candidate for Governor Scott Walker is asking Doyle to sign a real property tax freeze. Walker is renewing and expanding his "We Need the Freeze" campaign launched last December in hopes that Doyle will not use his line-item veto to create a phony tax freeze. Walker is now dubbing his campaign "We need a real Freeze." Walker is renewing his call to all Wisconsin taxpayers to join him, by sending in copies of their property tax bills along with letters calling on Doyle to support a real property tax freeze.

"Too many retirees, too many working families and too many jobs are leaving Wisconsin because of our tax burden," says Walker, "Obviously Governor Doyle just doesn't get it. We need a Governor who does, and will sign a real property tax freeze."

Walker was elected as Milwaukee County Executive in 2002 and re-elected in 2004. For three straight years, he introduced budgets for the county that do not raise the property tax levy. In September, he will introduce his fourth budget with no levy increase.

"Bold actions speak louder than empty rhetoric," says Walker, "I delivered on my promise to hold the line on property taxes. Jim Doyle talks a good game, but his record shows that he can not deliver on his promises."

Walker referred to Doyle's long list of broken promises; including his 2002 promise as a candidate for Governor that he would continue 2/3rd funding for schools and no cuts in Shared Revenue; in 2003, Governor Doyle signed off on a budget that cut school funding to 63% and cut Shared Revenue by \$70 million).

"Jim Doyle's phony freeze will be another broken promise and the joke will be on property taxpayers after the next election, when their 2007 property bill will increase dramatically instead of falling as he has promised," Walker said.

Recently, the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance released a report showing that the average Wisconsin worker saw a 3.8% annual pay increase from 2000 through 2005. During that same time period, property taxes on a median-valued home increased 5.2% each year.

“Property taxes are going up faster than our ability to pay,” says Walker, “I challenge Governor Doyle to sign a real freeze. Not just make false promises that he knows aren’t true to get a good photo op for his 2006 campaign ads.”

Scott Walker announced that he would stand outside of the Governor’s mansion along with supporters of a real property tax freeze in protest to Jim Doyle’s empty rhetoric and broken promises to Wisconsin’s taxpayers.

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