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## **Pro-Family Group Commends Assembly's Commitment To Controlling Taxes** *Rejection of billion-dollar tax increase good for Wisconsin families*

MADISON — On behalf of Wisconsin families across the state, Wisconsin Family Action President Julaine Appling extended her thanks to the members of the State Assembly who voted to strengthen Wisconsin families yesterday by casting a no vote on the \$1 Billion tax increase in Special Senate Bill 1.

“Wisconsin families would be harmed, not strengthened by the \$700 per household increase that would come with the outrageous budget recently proposed by Governor Doyle and passed yesterday by Senate Democrats,” Appling said. “It’s encouraging to see the Assembly not compromising at the expense of the families of this state.”

According to the Tax Foundation, Wisconsin taxpayers face the 7<sup>th</sup> highest tax burden in the nation, where 12.3 percent of income goes to state taxes and fees. The tax and spend budget offered by the Governor and sanctioned by all but 3 Democrats in Madison does nothing to ease the tax burden for Wisconsin families.

The revised budget bill proposed by the Governor passed 18-14 along party lines in the State Senate and failed 53-44, with 3 Democrats joining 50 Republicans in voting no. Only one Republican, Rep. Brett Davis (R-Oregon) voted in support of the budget.

“The Assembly representatives made a statement with their bi-partisan vote,” Appling said. “They told Wisconsin families that there are still people in Madison fighting to save them money rather than continuing the out-of-control spending. It’s obvious that some of our legislators really do understand that controlling spending and holding the line on taxes strengthens Wisconsin’s best natural resource—her families. And when Wisconsin’s families are strengthened, so is our state.”

Wisconsin Family Action, the legislative action arm of Wisconsin Family Council, advocates on behalf of marriage, family, life and liberty in Wisconsin. For more information, visit [www.wisconsinfamilyaction.org](http://www.wisconsinfamilyaction.org) or call 1-866-849-2536.