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NOW WE KNOW WHY DOYLE WANTS TO KEEP TRAVEL-GATE CASH GOVERNOR CONTINUES TO FADE IN POLL

(Madison, WI)...According to a new poll, Jim Doyle is going to need every tainted dime of campaign cash to save his job according to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Wisconsin, Rick Graber. While Jim Doyle continues to refuse to return \$20,000 in tainted campaign cash thanks to a rigged bidding process that favored a political donor, public opinion of the governor continues to slide.

On Tuesday, a survey of 800 likely voters by Strategic Vision show the Republican candidates for governor have caught Jim Doyle and are poised to pass him up. Chairman Graber says the poll proves Wisconsin has had enough of Jim Doyle.

“Broken promises and ethical lapses have caught up to Jim Doyle,” Graber said, “Luckily for the people of Wisconsin, help is on the way. Both Mark Green and Scott Walker can restore Wisconsin’s integrity.”

The Strategic Visions poll conducted from January 27-29th shows nearly half of Wisconsin voters disapprove of the job Jim Doyle is doing and 57% believe the state is headed in the wrong direction. The poll shows the Republican candidates are running strong against Doyle. Chairman Graber says the poll proves Jim Doyle is in trouble.

“Wisconsin voters want a change,” Graber said, “Voters are fed up with Jim Doyle’s continued quest for campaign cash. They want a governor that cares about them and not the special interests.”

Governor Doyle continues to be plagued with ethical lapses. Federal prosecutors are investigating the awarding of the state travel contract to a less qualified donor to Doyle’s campaign. Investigators are also scrutinizing the state’s approval to sell a nuclear power plant. Executives of the utilities that owned the plant contributed heavily to the Doyle campaign in the months surrounding approval of the sale. The Doyle administration is also coming under fire for rewarding a political ally with a \$500,000 contract for W-2 services, despite not meeting the goals set out in the last contract.

According to *The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, Governor Doyle’s administration awarded an \$18.4-million contract for work on the Marquette Interchange to Chicago’s CTE Engineers in February of 2005. Shortly after this, the governor holds an out-of-state fundraiser that nets him \$20,000. Doyle’s campaign also netted another \$12,000 from other Chicago area contributors that same day.

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