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**Mayor Schmitt's Statement on  
Governor's Property Tax Exemption Veto  
*Provision would have reduced local tax base***

(Green Bay) Mayor Jim Schmitt issued the following statement subsequent to Governor Doyle's veto today of an item in the state legislature's budget repair bill which would have expanded property tax exemptions for low-income housing without compensation to local governments:

*"I am pleased with the Governor's action today to protect local property taxpayers from this special interest provision that was slipped into the budget repair bill without hearings and behind closed doors. Without this veto, the result would have been a significant property tax shift, increasing the burden on home and business owners to the tune of tens of millions of dollars statewide. This provision belongs in a stand-alone bill next session so that it can receive full public review of its merit, because its current form would have absolutely no impact on getting our state's budget out of its deficit."*

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