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WPT THANKS JOINT FINANCE FOR AXING OUTDATED PROPERTY TAX

MADISON - Wisconsin Property Taxpayers, Inc. Thursday issued the following statement regarding the Joint Finance Committee's vote to eliminate the forestry mill tax in Wisconsin, which levies 16.97 cents per \$1,000 of property value, and was enacted in 1924.

“By axing the state’s forestry mill tax, the Joint Finance Committee voted to put \$180 million back into the hands of Wisconsin families and property owners over the next two years” John Jacobson, WPT Government and Member Relations Director said. “Those who pay property tax have been happy to do more than their fair share over the past 93 years to maintain the state’s forests. With a robust 17 million healthy acres of forest land in Wisconsin, local property taxpayers are now glad to see the only state-levied property eliminated from their yearly tax bills once and for all.

“WPT and its members thank the committee for fulfilling this critical piece of Governor Walker’s budget proposal, and look forward to seeing this very overdue tax reform signed into law.”

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