

AN OPEN LETTER TO GOVERNOR DOYLE AND WISCONSIN'S DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATORS

Apparently the Governor's Office and your caucus are forcing an unpalatable, non-fiscal item in our all-important budget bill that is jeopardizing not only this budget bill, but the hopes of getting our economy back on track.

Called the **'Joint and Severable' provision**, it is a legal concept that is the darling of tort lawyers everywhere! If this piece of _____ (*pick your label: pork... earmark... force-fed special interest legislation*) is allowed to remain, it will single handedly:

1. Force a Wisconsin defendant, who is as little as 1% at fault in a lawsuit to pay up to 100% of the damages if the other defendants are unable to, under the Governor's original proposal.
2. Cause many small businesses to lay off workers.
3. Force insurance companies to increase their rates on both individuals and businesses.
4. Make it impossible for some Wisconsin businesses to get insurance.
5. Most importantly... it will cause runaway inflation to Wisconsin residents because the people we do business with will have to raise their rates to cover this nonsense provision.

Pull 'Joint and Severable' out of the budget bill... re-introduce it as a 'stand-alone' bill, and let its merits determine its future!

The fine people of Wisconsin deserve no less!

Sincerely,

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not his wife, not his kids, not any special interest group. I'd just like to bring some common sense back to the democrats, "the way it used to be"!