Wisconsin Editorial Boards Agree
Remove Liability Provisions from State Budget

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Uncivil fault finding – The Joint Finance Committee should strip joint and several liability issues from the budget. Existing law already compromises in favor of injured parties. . . This is simple unfair. *April 24, 2009*

The Janesville Gazette

Liability change could doom companies – The change would be yet another blow dealt out by Democrats in Madison to companies-perhaps even your employer-trying to survive in the economic downturn. *May 5, 2009*

Wisconsin State Journal

Block the return of lawsuit abuse – Legislators should strip from the state budget Gov. Jim Doyle's sneaky attempt to sweep away an important piece of liability law reform. At stake is who pays for damages when plaintiffs win lawsuits. Doyle's proposal risks costly consequences for businesses, consumers and taxpayers. *April 28, 2009*

The Sheboygan Press

Keep policy issues out of state budget – Change in how negligence is assigned to parties in a civil damage suit . . . we don't think it should be part of the state budget bill. . . Whether a policy becomes state law should be determined by a separate vote of the Legislature, not because it was part of a state budget. *April 7, 2009*

LA CROSSE Tribune

Get non-budget items out of the budget – They're important enough to the future of our state to be debated separately and openly, not as add-ons to a state budget that's being debated in the most economically challenging time in decades. In the case of joint and several liability standards, we're talking about changes that could have a significant impact on the business climate of Wisconsin. *March 25, 2009*

GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE

Boot out budget's nonfiscal matters – Democratic leaders should remove nonfiscal policy items from the budget bill and send them as separate legislation to the appropriate committees. . . The budget is a big enough task for now; these other matters can wait a little longer. *April 10, 2009*