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## President Hines Applauds Governor Doyle's Straightforward Leadership In State Of The State Address

Governor Jim Doyle presented a second State of the State address in the City of Milwaukee this morning, so that Milwaukeeans could get a firsthand take on his plan for putting the state and the region back on track. Pres. Hines was in Madison yesterday to hear the governor share his honest assessment of Wisconsin's financial health – as well as fiscally responsible strategies that will put residents in the best position for future prosperity.

"The global economic crisis has touched the lives of every resident here in Milwaukee, but I am thankful that we have a leader like Governor Jim Doyle, who can navigate our state through these tough times," said President Hines. "We did not hear a sugarcoated version of Wisconsin's financial picture yesterday or today. Governor Doyle gave us the straightforward truth, and it will take real sacrifices on the part of both government agencies and private citizens to move us forward."

President Hines made special note of the Governor's exhortation that "tough times are opportunities to show who we are."

"The people of Wisconsin have always shown true courage and creativity in the face of adversity," said Hines. "And just as Governor Doyle inherited a \$3.2 billion budget deficit when he first took office, I am confident that all of us can work together to obtain greater financial stability, just as we have throughout this governor's tenure."

Specifically, Pres. Hines praised Doyle's continued commitment to providing health insurance for every child in Wisconsin, as well as his declaration that the state must "make sure that childcare is accountable and up to high standards."

"I personally look forward to working with our state's leaders, including Governor Doyle, Majority Leader Decker, Speaker Sheridan and the entire Milwaukee delegation to bring robust economic growth and stability to Wisconsin and Milwaukee."