



JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

February 23, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your leadership in providing the most sweeping economic recovery package in our history to put people to work and invest in our long-term economic growth.

Thanks to your leadership and the hard work of leaders in Congress, especially Wisconsin's own Congressman Dave Obey, we now have a Recovery and Reinvestment plan that lets states be partners in moving this country forward. I am taking one of the first steps in that partnership today by sending this letter to fulfill the Governor's certification requirement, articulated in Section 1607 (a).

Wisconsin will work hard to meet the challenge of this Recovery and Reinvestment Act to maintain jobs and get people to work on projects that add long-term value to the state. Funding for transportation in the state will increase by 20 percent under the budget I proposed last week. We will be able to get to work on fixing bridges and roads. We will make sure our cities have clean water. We will connect more of Wisconsin with passenger rail, and we will provide clean, alternative energy to power our state. While making these worthwhile investments, we will also be able to create or maintain nearly 70,000 jobs.

As a strong proponent for education funding in this package, I am especially pleased that this plan rightly recognizes that during the current economic crisis we cannot let education and access to health care deteriorate. The new law will help Wisconsin keep our teachers in classrooms and will make sure that a sick child in Wisconsin gets to see a doctor.

Please accept this letter as my formal certification that the State of Wisconsin will request and use the funds provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to create jobs and promote economic growth.

Even as Wisconsin and America are going through these tough economic times, we have great hope for the future with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. With wise use of the funds provided under the new law, Wisconsin will be in a better position to help move our country forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Doyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Doyle" clearly distinguishable.

Jim Doyle
Governor

Cc: The Honorable Peter R. Orszag
Wisconsin Congressional Delegation