

# STATE SENATOR SHEILA HARSDORF

## 2008 TAXPAYER UPDATE

“Providing tax relief is hard work with the tax-first crowd in charge in Madison,” said Senator Sheila Harsdorf. “The ban of the Frankenstein Veto marks a significant victory, but there is much more to do. As taxpayers, I think it is important that you know of specific proposals sought by some to increase your taxes, as well as specific measures that I support to lower taxes.”



### Restoring Tax-and-Spend Accountability

The Frankenstein Veto has plagued Wisconsin citizens with unaccountable spending leading to higher taxes and fees. Harsdorf spearheaded a

three-year bipartisan effort culminating in state voter approval on April 1 that bans the Frankenstein Veto. A 2005 Frankenstein Veto raided \$427 million from the

transportation fund, while a 2007 Frankenstein Veto nearly doubled the allowable property tax increase. Both were done without legislative approval.

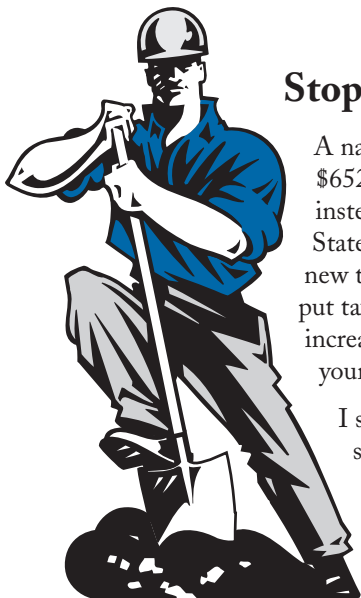


### WANTED: Property Tax Relief

Sheila has challenged the status quo in Madison in her fight for property tax relief. While property tax limits have been diluted, weakened, and vetoed by those in power, Sheila has supported reforms to help local governments reduce spending. These include:

- Promoting public employee health care reform.
- Changing arbitration rules so that a community's ability to pay takes precedence.
- Passing the Mandate Relief Act.
- Changing outdated state aid formulas that reward more spending with more aid!

“Property tax relief begins with a real freeze,” said Harsdorf. “Reforms in how we fund public services should put the taxpayer first.”



### Stop Digging the Hole Deeper!

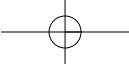
A national economic slowdown has resulted in a \$652 million budget shortfall in Wisconsin. However, instead of cutting back government spending, the State Senate majority passed a budget repair bill with new taxes on job providers and health care which would put taxpayers on the hook. They even went so far as to increase state spending, forgetting that if you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging!

I support a new approach in Wisconsin that puts our state's economy and working families first.



### 2008 Dubious Honors

The Senate majority proposed a new 14.5% payroll tax to fund a government takeover of health care. It sought to double Wisconsin's tax burden and make us the highest taxed state in the nation! Thankfully, this radical proposal was stopped by the State Assembly.



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How would you characterize the tax burden  
on Wisconsin citizens?

- Way too much
- Too much
- About right
- Too little
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Which tax is most burdensome?

- Local taxes (property)
- State taxes (income and sales)
- Transportation taxes (gas)

What should be the priorities of the state's  
largest budget items (ranked 1 to 5, with 1  
being highest funding priority)?

- Aids to municipal governments for  
local services
- Corrections / public safety
- Higher education / University of  
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- K-12 school aids
- Medical assistance and health care

How should the state deal with budget  
shortfalls?

- Raise state taxes
- Cut government spending even if it  
reduces services
- Increase borrowing

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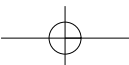
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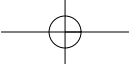


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