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Assembly Chairman, Joint Committee on Finance

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Senator Brian Burke, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
State Capitol, Room 316 South
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Brian:

I am writing to you regarding Special Session Assembly Bill 1, providing a tax rebate check for Wisconsin taxpayers, which will be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance today.

Now that the Governor has completed his vetoes of the budget bill and called the Legislature into special session for purposes of enacting a tax rebate plan, I am asking that the Joint Committee on Finance meet on Monday, November 1st or on Tuesday morning, November 2nd, before the two houses convene, to take executive action on the bill. It is the intention of the State Assembly to debate the issue on Tuesday, November 2nd.

As you know, if we are to have final action by both houses of the Legislature on the rebate check proposal before November 11th, we must act quickly.

The possibility of a tax rebate check has had extensive media coverage over the last several months and many legislators are hearing from their constituents on this issue. I believe the Joint Finance Committee must take action on this measure as soon as possible to enable members of both parties in both houses of the Legislature to debate the tax rebate plan and cast their votes to approve or defeat the bill.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

JOHN G. GARD
State Representative