

**Taxes**

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Dear Thomas,

As election season heats up, you're going to hear a lot of spin when it comes to the Republicans talking about taxes.

That's why I wanted to point out three big stories that came out this week saying the same thing: With Democrats in full control of government, Wisconsin's tax ranking has improved for the first time in decades.

[According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel:](#)

"As a percentage of Wisconsin income, total tax collections in 2009 took the smallest bite since the early 1960s – 11.2% of income. The recession played into that as sales and income taxes nosedived. Year to year over the last decade, that burden increased just twice."

In a column, "[How Democrats Lowered Your Taxes](#)," Milwaukee Magazine Editor Bruce Murphy wrote:

"Compared to other states, Wisconsin's total (state and local) tax burden is lower than it has been since 1962 – 48 years ago!"

[The Department of Revenue](#) independently found the same story:

"Wisconsin's rankings are their lowest in nearly 50 years and have improved for six consecutive years, unprecedented in state history....In addition, a recently released Ernst and Young study prepared for the Council on State Taxation shows Wisconsin's business tax ranking now ranks 30th – well below the national average."

Under Democratic leadership in the Senate, Assembly, and the Governor's office, we improved Wisconsin's tax rankings while protecting key priorities like education, health care and public safety.

But we have more to do to help Wisconsin's working families during tough times. That's why I'm asking you to please, take a moment to [forward this email](#) to a friend or family member (or share it on ). Help us cut through the noise and remind them that we're fighting for working families.

Sincerely,



Mike Tate
Chair, Democratic Party of Wisconsin

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