

**Statement of Common Council President Willie Hines,
Jr.
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Although I recognize that Governor Doyle has consistently understood the value that Milwaukee brings to the state of Wisconsin, our city and its citizens cannot afford to lose any additional state shared revenue.

State shared revenue is vital to the delivery of basic city services, such as public safety, sanitation and housing.

A state budget must serve all Wisconsin residents. I am calling upon both legislative bodies – and legislators from both parties – to restore state shared revenue for the sake of Milwaukee and our entire state.