

Iowa Needs Big Ideas, not Small Steps, to Economic Recovery

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Americans for Prosperity - Iowa Urges Senate to Pass Property Tax Relief

DES MOINES, IA - Today Americans for Prosperity - Iowa, representing nearly 20,000 Iowan free-market activists, announced its support for Governor Brandstad's property tax relief and urged the Senate to quickly pass the legislation recently passed by the House. The primary obstacle to the bill lies with Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, who has refused to consider the legislation.

"Senator Gronstal is not interested in the bold solutions offered in the House bill," said Mark Lucas, State Director of Americans for Prosperity - Iowa. "He would much rather "take small steps" as he said on Iowa Press. Our struggling businesses and unemployed residents deserve big ideas for big problems."

The property tax plan that passed the House and has Governor Brandstad's support provides relief to businesses, farmers, and home owners. The bill will prevent a \$1.2 billion tax increase over the next 8 years on all classes of property. Home owners will avoid a tax hike of over a half of a billion dollars.

"Senator Gronstal has inaccurately described the plan as "the biggest tax shift in the history of the state," continued Lucas. "His calculations are simply false when he said the bill would punish home owners."

"This bill is the type of bold solution our economy needs to get back on track. Governor Brandstad's tax package will give businesses the confidence boost to expand and employ more Iowans," Lucas concluded.