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PREMIER'S TAX CUTS BENEFIT EVERY INCOME EARNER IN THE PROVINCE, DEBT, INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY – THIS IS A GOOD DAY

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Sometimes good policy is good politics. Sask Party premier Brad Wall's \$330 million tax cut raises the basic personal exemption and moves 80,000 low income people off the tax rolls altogether. Every single income earner in the province gets a big break and the number of families now eligible for a low income tax credit grows as well.

To the average family a tax refund of between 1,300 and \$1,500 coming this April, lower taxes starting in the new year. To this the government is going to spending yet another half a billion in one time infrastructure and a whopping one billion more to pay off the provincial debt. At this rate the entire provincial debt could be gone by the end of this government's first term.

Criticism from the NDP, the Wall government didn't set up a commission to study whether to cut taxes. Well that pretty well says it all. With this tax cut, the largest in Saskatchewan history, the province will still have \$2 billion left in a rainy day fund so this is hardly reckless. This is a good day by any measure.

I'm John Gormley.
