

Protect Our Care: Rep. Nygren blocks Badgercare, \$118 million in direct healthcare investment in his own district

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Proposal would invest [\\$1.6 Billion](#) statewide in local hospitals, access to dental care, combating childhood lead poisoning, long term care, behavioral health and more

MADISON, WI – Today, the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee voted down a key budget provision proposed by Gov. Tony Evers. Republicans—including Rep. John Nygren—voted to remove the funding for a Badgercare expansion from the state’s budget.

Adopting the proposal would bring more than [\\$1.6 Billion](#) in direct healthcare investment to Wisconsin, making a significant impact in individual communities across the state.

For example, in counties that make up Rep. Nygren’s district alone, new investments, funded by federal tax dollars their constituents already paid, would

include;

- **[\\$18.1](#) Million for the district's hospitals**
- **[\\$4.2](#) Million for long term care**
- **[\\$2.2](#) Million for dental care**
- **[\\$2.1](#) Million for behavioral health**
- **[\\$3](#) Million for combating childhood lead poisoning**

All in all, Rep. Nygren today voted NO on a total of **\$118 million for his own district**, choosing to side with Republican Party bosses in Madison rather than his constituents in Assembly District 89.

A recent Marquette Poll found that **70 percent** of Wisconsinites support Governor Evers' plan to expand state's Medicaid program, and a **separate study** found that access to Medicaid would drastically increase economic mobility among Wisconsinites.

In addition, **a new report** released yesterday found that providing expanded access to Badgercare under this plan would help to fight the opioid crisis in Wisconsin and lower premiums for the individual market by **7-11%**.

When will Rep. Nygren stop playing politics with his constituents' health care, and start doing what's right?