

# Rep. Nygren: Joint Committee on Finance co-chair reacts to State of the State

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**Madison**-State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), co-chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement immediately following the State of the State Address delivered by Governor Evers:

“The state of the state is historically strong thanks to the hard work of Republican leadership over the last eight years. But Wisconsinites don’t need to hear it from me to know it is true. Unemployment has been at or below 3% for 11 straight months. Funding for our schools is at an all-time high. And the tax burden is the lowest it has been in 50 years.”

“The state’s finances are also strong. We have a budget surplus of nearly \$600 million. Our GAAP deficit has been cut by 58% since 2009. State debt has declined in five of the last six years and is the lowest it has been since 2009. And the rainy day fund has a balance of over \$300 million, its largest balance ever.”

“It is clear that our reforms are working, but we have a lot more to do. Now is not the time to turn back the clock on all the progress we have made. While I look forward to working with Governor Evers on bipartisan efforts, I will not compromise on the values and priorities that led the Wisconsin comeback. We must continue to keep Wisconsin moving forward.”