

Sen. Darling, Rep. Nygren: Budget co-chairs statement on Evers budget

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Madison—Co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance, Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) and Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) released the following statement after Governor Evers' Budget Address:

“Wisconsin can’t afford Tony Evers budget. He’s spending our record surplus and billions more. His budget increases spending by \$1,000 for every resident in the state, raises taxes, and eliminates the reforms that worked over the last eight years. Governor Evers is digging another hole that Republicans will again have to fill.

It’s important to point out that the reason Wisconsin is in such great shape financially is because of the responsible budgeting of Republicans. If Governor Evers is serious about passing a bi-partisan budget, he needs to get serious about including us in the process.

While we are willing to work with the governor, we won’t let him take us back to the dark days of 2009. Republicans in the legislature have set the stage for a great budget, but Governor Evers is jeopardizing the continued surpluses, increased revenues, historic tax cuts, and expanded economic opportunity created by making fiscally responsible decisions. Some of those decisions were not easy, but they worked.

We have concerns that we can't afford the Governor's wish list and its long-term effect on our finances. Our next step is a thorough review of the Governor's budget by the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

We look forward to travelling around the state to help craft a budget that works for all of Wisconsin."