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Madison–State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) and Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills), Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance, released the following statement regarding Thursday's vote to remove Tony Evers' more than \$1 billion in tax hikes.

"Republicans are continuing to put taxpayers first. We are starting the state budget process by removing more than \$1 billion in tax hikes the governor demanded in his budget.

Our careful budgeting and reforms led to more than \$2 billion in available revenues. There is simply no reason to raise taxes. We will make significant investments in shared priorities, but we will do it by living within our means. Our budget will be responsible, sustainable, and funded with the money we already have on hand.

We will also prevent the governor from removing many reforms which helped Wisconsin prosper over the last eight years. Those reforms worked and our economy proves it. Wisconsin is on its 14th straight month of unemployment at or below 3%. In 2018, we had the highest GDP growth since 2010. Our budget will make sure Wisconsin keeps moving forward."