

# Rep. Nygren: Statement on June tax collections memo

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Madison–State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement:

The nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau released June tax collection information today. The memo shows collections continue to be lower than estimated. June collections were \$370 million lower than they were in 2019. The first three months impacted by COVID-19, April, May, and June are \$1.306 billion lower than the prior year and year-to-date collections are down \$749 million or nearly 5%. The reductions in part are impacted by the delayed tax filing date from April to July 15.

“This latest memo continues to provide evidence that the Governor needs to do more to reduce state spending,” said Rep. Nygren. “Most of the Governor’s cuts to state spending have fallen on UW System. His claim of a 5% state operations cut wasn’t even close. He exempted 25 agencies including his political friends.”

“The new information again underscores the hypocrisy of Governor Evers and Democrats as the Governor delayed debt payments after being critical of that in the past,” said Rep. Nygren.

“Democrats called it a ‘gimmick’ and a ‘fiscal mistake’ when it occurred under the Walker administration. Governor Evers called it ‘racking up debt on our state’s credit card.’”

“Let’s hope the Governor’s apathy to the tens of thousands waiting months for an unemployment check doesn’t extend to his stewardship of the state’s bottom line. His aloof approach to governing will only cause more pain later because of favoring

government over taxpayers,” said Rep. Nygren.