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Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association President Matt Hauser released the following statement regarding the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's memo identifying policy items in the budget:

"We are obviously pleased that the Legislative Fiscal Bureau has identified the repeal of the minimum markup on gasoline as policy. The memo released yesterday validates what WPMCA has been saying since the Governor introduced this gimmick in February: this does not belong in the budget. Eliminating the markup will not lower the price of gasoline by 14 cents as the administration claims, yet has been unable to substantiate. This provision will not add one penny to fund road improvements."

The May 1, 2019 Joint Committee on Finance memo identified numerous budget items they believe are policy issues that should be managed outside the budget process. It is expected the committee will remove all of these items next week when it begins its work on the budget.

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WPMCA represents over 2,000 independent petroleum marketers, convenience store owners, truck stop and travel plaza operators, automotive oil change outlets and other automotive service providers throughout Wisconsin. These companies sell over 80 percent of the motor fuel and nearly all the farm fuel and heating oil sold in Wisconsin. For more information, go to www.wpmca.org.