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Rep. Nygren Guides Marinette Marine Funding to Port

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) released the following statement:

“Today, Republicans on the Joint Committee on Finance voted to commit to making Marinette Marine a priority this budget. This investment will help Marinette Marine continue to compete on the world stage for years to come. This is a critical investment in our shipbuilding industry which will help it maintain its competitive edge.”

Today’s action provides \$29 million in Harbor Assistance grants. This funding would be used for dredging, construction, and capital equipment associated with Fincantieri Marinette Marine's facilities improvements related to the company's application for a federal shipbuilding contract for frigates (a highly maneuverable, armed naval ship). Earlier this budget, Rep. Nygren helped guide through the Joint Committee on Finance \$2 million in workforce training grants for Marinette Marine.

“With over 160 suppliers around the state, an employment impact of over 5,400 jobs, and a \$4.4 billion economic impact in northeastern Wisconsin alone, it’s clear how much Marinette Marine means to Wisconsin, and speaks to how much Wisconsin will lose if Marinette Marine falls behind.”

Rep. Nygren has played a pivotal role in helping shepherd crucial investments for the Northeastern Wisconsin shipbuilding economy, putting Wisconsin on the world stage. In early 2013, a grant of \$5 million was awarded to construct the Wisconsin Maritime Center of Excellence. In 2016, the Center received a \$500,000 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. The Center is a business incubator for the growing shipbuilding economy. He also played a critical role in securing a \$5 million Harbor Assistance Grant for shipyard improvements in December 2018.

“This is not just important to northeastern Wisconsin, but important for Wisconsin as a whole. I would like to thank my Republican colleagues for recognizing the need to invest in northeastern Wisconsin’s economy and Marinette Marine.”

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