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Co-Chair's Statement on 2020-21 General Fund Tax Collections

Madison.... The Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance, State Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) and State Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) issued the following statement after the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau announced state revenues are \$319 million higher than expected:

"The newest state tax collections show that due to the strong reforms Republicans have put into place over the past several years, sending more money back to the taxpayers in the most recent state budget was the right thing to do," said Rep. Mark Born. "Unlike Governor Evers who proposed raising taxes on hardworking families by over \$1 billion, not only once, but twice-Republicans continue to lead our state forward by making strategic investments, all while holding the line on taxes."

"Thanks to Republican leadership, the last several budgets have built the state's Rainy Day Fund to more than \$1.7 billion - all while investing in our strategic priorities," said Sen. Howard Marklein. "We provided significant funding for education, made investments in our roads and infrastructure, and focused on providing access to high quality, affordable health care while planning for the future and cutting taxes."

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