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Marinette Marine Funding Announced

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

Early last week, Representative Nygren met with Governor Evers to emphasize the enormous value Marinette Marine plays in Wisconsin's economy as well as invite him to visit the harbor. Less than ten days later, Governor Evers accepted the invite and announced his commitment to invest in Marinette Marine.

"Today I am pleased to see Governor Evers announce that he has committed to making Marinette Marine a priority in his budget. This investment will help Marinette Marine continue to compete on the world stage for years to come. It is critical to make investments in our shipbuilding industry to maintain its competitive edge."

"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."

Since 2005, Marinette Marine has been building the Freedom variant Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) for the United States Navy. The U.S. Navy has announced plans to discontinue procurement of the LCS and replace it with a larger Frigate Class ship in 2020. Five teams received initial design awards to construct the Frigate and Marinette Marine is a part of two of those teams.

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 Governor Evers for recognizing the need to invest in northeastern Wisconsin's economy and accepting my invite to visit Marinette Marine."

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