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Weekly Radio Address: Fighting Addiction in Wisconsin with HOPE

MADISON –Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette) delivers this week’s GOP radio address about new bills introduced this week that are part of the Heroin, Opioid Prevention, and Education Agenda, the HOPE Agenda.

Hi I’m State Representative John Nygren.

When I first opened up about my family's struggle with opioid addiction, I had no idea the impact it would have statewide.

Stories from families and individuals emerged from the shadows cast by the stigma of addiction. These stories helped us craft the 30 bills that are part of the Heroin, Opioid Prevention, and Education Agenda. Our HOPE Agenda.

Because of the bipartisan action we have taken together in the legislature, we are now seeing positive impacts throughout the state of Wisconsin. I firmly believe we are turning the tide of addiction.

It was recently announced that opioid deaths are down in Wisconsin for the first time since 2015. That’s great news, but the fight is far from over. If we stop now, if we get complacent, we will lose the progress we have made. That’s why this week, I released additional bills as a part of the HOPE Agenda.

These bills are aimed at assisting those in recovery in the workplace, with housing, and expanding access to much-needed medication-assisted treatment.

I look forward to working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass these bills.

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