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Bipartisan COVID-19 Bill Passes Assembly

Madison--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance released the following statement:

"Today, the State Assembly passed a bipartisan COVID-19 relief bill," said Rep. Nygren. "State Assembly members were able to participate virtually and in-person while adhering to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention social distancing guidelines. I attended in-person to represent the citizens of the 89th Assembly District in Madison. This legislation will allow Wisconsin to capture millions of federal dollars in addition to the \$3 billion in coronavirus funding that will aid Wisconsin's response to the COVID-19 crisis."

"Late last month, Governor Evers requested more than \$1 billion, a blank check for the Department of Health Services, and virtually limitless taxpayer-funded employees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Rep. Nygren. "Today's bipartisan action will allow the state to sufficiently and efficiently utilize federal funding without increasing the burden on the already strained taxpayer, many of whom are now unemployed."

"As our state continues through the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all those on the frontlines battling this virus, as well as those who continue to perform essential business activities throughout our state. Finally, time is of the essence, I encourage Governor Evers to sign this legislation expeditiously once it arrives on his desk."

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