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Rep. Nygren Applauds First Step, But More Needs to be Done

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

"I would like to commend Department of Administration Secretary Brennan on taking a proactive step to address the impending budget crisis facing our state," said Rep. Nygren. "As has been documented widely, states around the nation will be facing budget shortfalls, unlike the federal government we have to run a balanced budget. Just like families around the state, when times get tough, budgets must be made leaner. This is a great first step."

"While we don't fully know the impact the Governor's 'stay at home order will have on state finances, we can only assume it will have a dramatic effect," said Rep. Nygren. "The Governor himself has <u>cited</u> \$2 billion in revenue losses. That's why I believe much more will need to be done. We should begin looking at freezing finances in the second year of the biennium."

"This once again shows why conservative fiscal budgeting is crucial for our state's financial health," said Rep. Nygren. "Only a year ago, Governor Evers proposed a budget that would have <u>created</u> a \$2 billion shortfall. One can only imagine how much worse these budget decisions would be if Republicans had followed Governor Evers' irresponsible budgeting proposal."

"If Governor Evers is going to require businesses around the state to remain shuttered, it is only fair that the state government also take a cut. I anticipate that this will be the first of many actions like this."

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