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Rep. Born Releases Memo on Governor Evers' Tax Increase

Memo shows impact of Evers' proposed gas tax indexing

Madison – State Representative Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) released a memo from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau today showing the impact of Governor Evers' 2019-2021 budget proposal that would have increased the gas tax eight cents and indexed each year on April 1 to inflation. Following the release of the memo, Rep. Born made the following statement:

“This demonstrates, once again, the Tale of Two Tonys. Governor Evers proposed increasing our gas tax and indexing it to inflation, as part of his over \$1 billion tax increase package. If it weren't for Legislative Republicans, Wisconsinites would be paying 42 cents per gallon of gas *just in taxes*—over a 30 percent increase from just three years ago.

“Meanwhile, Governor Evers is parading around telling our residents he cares about lowering gas prices and that he wants the federal government to suspend the gas tax. It's funny that our Governor called on the federal government to suspend their portion of the gas tax when his budget proposal would have erased nearly any savings seen at the pump.

“Wisconsin Republicans continue to demonstrate true leadership by reducing the tax burden on our residents, while funding our priorities through responsible, conservative fiscal management. We have held the line on the gas tax while reducing other types of taxes, which has saved Wisconsinites over \$22 billion since 2011.

“It would have been nice if Governor Evers had considered advocating for better fiscal policy throughout his term, not just when he's up for re-election.”

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