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***Republican's refusal to legalize marijuana is fiscally irresponsible. We lost millions in taxes to Illinois in 2022, not to mention Michigan and soon Minnesota. It's time to end our island of prohibition.***

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MADISON – A recent [memo from the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau \(LFB\)](#) found that \$36.1 million of Illinois cannabis tax revenues in fiscal year 2022 were attributable to sales of cannabis made to Wisconsin residents. Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) introduced the first full legalization bill in Wisconsin history in 2013. Senate Democratic Leader Agard released the following statement on the LFB memo:

“It should upset every Wisconsinite that our hard earned tax dollars are going across the border to Illinois. This is revenue that could be going toward Wisconsin’s public schools, transportation infrastructure, and public safety. Instead, Illinois is reaping the benefits of Republican obstructionism and their prohibitionist stance on marijuana legalization.

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