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Rep. Scott Allen Statement on UW System Budget

Madison- Rep. Allen (R-Waukesha) releases a statement on the UW System Budget.

“In light of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau’s report that the revenue estimates in the proposed budget are the best estimates we have to work with, we now have significant questions before us in Wisconsin. One set of questions is how much funding the state taxpayers should provide to the UW System and how much should we allow tuition to increase. UW really doesn’t care where the money comes from, they just want the money.

We can return to the tax and spend days of the previous Democrat administration or we can protect the hardworking, middle-class taxpayer. I will fight for the middle-class taxpayer.

Some say we should “fully fund” the UW System. Simply put that would mean returning to the days of the Doyle era with 6.8% annual growth in in-state tuition which would produce over \$145 million of revenue over the next biennium. That is nearly half of the proposed \$300 million cut. I fully support the Governor’s plan to freeze tuition increases over the next two years and I also support a statutory cap on future tuition increase such that they do not exceed the rate of inflation.

Although \$300 million sounds like a large cut, the UW System budget is so massive that the \$300 million is only about 2.5% of the entire System budget. To put that in perspective, that is like just 2000 people attending a Packer home game at Lambeau Field which seats over 80,000. Good administrators should be able to figure out how to handle a 2.5% revenue reduction over a two-year period.

Based on a [report](#) from the Legislative Audit Bureau, I believe that there are abundant opportunities for the UW System to better administer existing fund balances and its human resource system and policies. We should expect System administrators to better manage and prioritize spending before we ask Wisconsin’s taxpayers to sacrifice more of their hard-earned dollars.”

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