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Sen. Testin Urges UWSP Students to Embrace Intellectual Diversity

Senator Finds Student Government's Rejection of Turning Point USA Concerning

Stevens Point, WI – Recently, UW-Stevens Point's Student Government Alliance rejected a request for recognition from Turning Point USA, a youth organization that promotes free market principles that already has a presence on over 1,000 college and high school campuses across the country. State Senator Patrick Testin, a former student senator at UW-Stevens Point, is concerned about the message this sends to students.

"A well rounded education requires exposure to different viewpoints," said Senator Testin. "Intellectual diversity is important, and should be embraced by students as part of the learning process. During my time in the student senate, I voted to recognize groups whose mission I disagreed with, because I understood that their principles needed to be part of our public dialogue. The rejection of Turning Point USA's request is antithetical to what the University stands for. I encourage Vice Chancellor Thompson to reverse the decision and I believe the student senators should reflect on the importance of maintaining a respectful, open dialogue on campus."

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