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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

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**Rep. Gary Hebl's statement on Jim Johnsen's Withdrawal from Consideration as Next UW Systems President**

(Sun Prairie) – Today University of Alaska System President Jim Johnsen withdrew his name from consideration to be the next University of Wisconsin Systems President. Rep. Gary Hebl, a member of the Assembly Committee on Education, released the following statement:

*I voiced my concerns about having just one finalist for the position of UW Systems President, and I was not alone. It was obvious that the search committee needed to reset and start a new search. They must find candidates that do not have a history of antagonism with the faculty and staff they work with in their capacity as President.*

*The new UW Systems President should be an individual whom everyone in the system can trust, and making their handpicked selection someone who was already the subject of multiple votes of no confidence was a clear failure on the part of the search committee. When the search committee begins their new search, I urge them to include input from faculty, staff, and students from the UW Systems.*

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