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### **The State Must Stop Starving the University of Wisconsin System**

**Madison** – Today, the Assembly took up bills that continue to punish and micromanage the UW-System. Representative Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) issued the following statement on the passage of these bills:

“The UW-System brings innovation, energy, and growth to the state. We must ensure that our universities are given the resources and independence to grow and prosper. It is essential that we foster diversity and inclusion as well. This is true for all of our institutions.

“Wisconsin cannot afford to play political games with our universities. UW-System employees work diligently to provide our students with a quality education and move the state forward with research. I am deeply disappointed that legislative leadership is refusing to give UW employees wage increases because of the diversity, equity, and inclusion programs on campus.

“The attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion only divide the people of our state. As a state representative, I have the honor of learning from people with varied backgrounds. Diversity, equity, and inclusion programs enrich and improve our institutions. Without these practices, we cannot move forward.

“As a state, the smartest investment we can make is in education.”

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