REPRESENTATIVE • 97<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

For Immediate Release Contact: Rep. Scott Allen May 9, 2024 (608) 237-9197

## Ideological Bias on Display at UW

Madison, WI – Yesterday, Rep. Allen received an email from a Jewish UW-Madison senior that detailed 38 documented instances of anti-Semitic speech and behavior over the days of April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>, along with the written testimony of 24 students who have experienced threatening incidents. Rep Allen released the following statement in response:

"It is extremely concerning to read of the threats made against Jewish students on the UW-Madison campus. The fact that some faculty have also used their classroom time and their position of authority to push their anti-Israel view confirms the suspicion that ideology, more than education, motivates UW staff.

"I commend University administration for drawing a clear line in the sand on not tolerating any disturbances at graduation. They should also ensure that the entire campus is a safe place for students to study every day of the week. Just as graduation disturbances will face consequences, I call on the administration to discipline any student or faculty that endangers the daily safety of any UW student.

"Sadly, UW has a history of double standards when it comes to free speech and protecting students. The university apologized for conservative Matt Walsh speaking on campus even though he did not make any threatening statements. The University needs to be more outspoken about condemning threatening speech against Jewish students.

"UW will only be a welcoming place for ALL if the university is consistent in protecting the safety of EVERY student, not just the ones that align with woke ideology."

###

Rep. Scott Allen represents the Waukesha area.