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Statue of Lincoln Should Remain at UW-Madison

Madison, WI – After calls from UW-Madison's Black Student Union to remove a statue of former president Abraham Lincoln, Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) issued the following statement:

"I applaud UW-Madison Chancellor Becky Blank for her support to maintain the statue of former president Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln's importance in our shared history, especially his role in the Civil War, is undeniable and something that all American's should appreciate."

"Removing Lincoln from Bascom Hill will not improve our state or UW-Madison. One group's objection should not constitute grounds to remove a statue an American hero. The taxpayers that support UW-Madison should be wary of any effort to minimize the importance of American heroes like Lincoln and Hans Christian Heg, whether those efforts come at the hands of a lawless mob or at the hands of a student group. Wisconsin and America are better places today because of the actions of these individuals and their statues serve as a reminder of those contributions."

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