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Assembly Speaker Mike Huebsch
211 West
State Capitol
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Dear Speaker Huebsch,

As the Assembly Republicans engage in continuing Conference Committee negotiations regarding the 2007-09 Biennial Budget, I respectfully request your consideration of a higher level of funding for the University of Wisconsin System beyond what was provided in the Assembly budget.

The University of Wisconsin System is a vital component of Wisconsin's economy and our future economic growth and success.

Faced with the important charge to pass a budget with no tax increases, the Assembly gave the System an increase commensurate with what we could afford in balancing our priorities. After hearing from officials from my local System campuses, however, I understand that this increase is not sufficient to continue present programs, let alone develop new educational opportunities for our citizens.

In the fast growing and developing area of the state I represent, strong educational systems are critical to our continued growth. To draw good paying jobs to the Fox Valley, we need to be able to provide the well educated workforce these employers seek. I simply ask that we not act hastily now to the detriment of our state's future.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued hard work and your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Al Ott
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Chair, Assembly Committee on Agriculture