

# Rep. Ballweg: Assembly passes Campus Free Speech Bill

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**Madison...**State Representative Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) is proud to support the Campus Free Speech Act to protect the freedom of expression of students, faculty, and staff at college campuses across Wisconsin.

“Our public universities should be a place where invited speakers are free to speak, without the threat of obstruction, so students can hear diverse views to help them form their own opinions,” said Ballweg.

The Campus Free Speech Act, [Assembly Bill 299](#), directs the UW System Board of Regents to adopt a policy on freedom of expression for every campus. The bill also creates graduated disciplinary measures for students who violently disrupt the free speech of others.

“The Campus Free Speech Act sends a strong message that in Wisconsin we encourage debate and promote intellectual diversity by protecting the freedom of expression,” said Ballweg. “I believe an important component of this legislation is a requirement that UW System schools communicate free speech policies and rules to all students during their orientations as well as faculty and staff during trainings,” stated Ballweg.

The Assembly approved the bill; it now heads to the state Senate for consideration.