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Sen. Smith and Rep. Emerson: Statement regarding UW-EC Science Building project

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Democrats attempt bipartisan effort to support UW-EC science building project while area Republican Assemblyman play politics.

MADISON – Today Senator Jeff Smith (D-Brunswick) and Representative Jodi Emerson (D-Eau Claire) submitted a letter of support to Joint Finance Committee members advocating for the construction of the Science and Health Sciences building at UW-Eau Claire.

The attached support letter was circulated to Republican and Democratic legislators involved in the UW-Eau Claire planning meetings. No Republican legislators signed onto the letter, but instead, sent a motion to Joint Finance members without Democratic outreach.

Senator Smith and Representative Jodi Emerson offered the following joint statement:

“We appreciate Chancellor Schmidt and UW-Eau Claire’s effort to orchestrate bipartisan support for this project. It’s a shame Representatives Petryk, James, Pronschinske, Quinn and Summerfield are more interested in playing politics with UW-Eau Claire’s project than working together.

“We remain hopeful that Joint Finance Committee members can look past the politics and see the merits of this project. We will continue to attempt to work with our area Republican colleagues despite the pettiness of their actions today.”