

# WILL: Statement on second UW Regent vote to reduce discriminatory “DEI” programs

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**The News:** The Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) has released a statement following the UW Regents vote to approve new parameters for DEI programs following a potential compromise proposed by Speaker Robin Vos and Assembly Republicans:

**The Quotes:** Rick Esenberg, WILL President and General Counsel stated, “We applaud the UW Regent’s vote to reduce taxpayer-funded discrimination through DEI at the University of Wisconsin System. The U.S. Constitution allows no compromise on the rule of equality and UW policies must be colorblind. Much DEI training promotes a racialized view of the world which we have struggled to overcome. We will continue to work towards that goal. This is an important start.”

Rick Esenberg added, “I personally commend UW President Jay Rothman for his pragmatism, effectiveness, and focus on positive outcomes for **all** students throughout this process.”

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