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Statement regarding Gov. Walker's budget proposal:

"We are very encouraged by the investment Governor Walker is proposing for the UW System. He has made higher education a priority after some very difficult budgets.

"However, the proposed tuition cut is a concern. Badger Advocates supports a tuition thaw and restoring the Board of Regents authority to establish tuition levels consistent with the needs of Wisconsin families. While the proposed tuition cut is funded in this budget, we are concerned a permanent reduction in tuition will be difficult for the taxpayers to sustain long-term.

"Modest, cost-of-living increases in tuition allow users to plan ahead while providing the University with a predictable, stable funding source.

"Governor Walker also deserves praise for proposing a state investment in Alzheimer's research. UW-Madison is a world leader in this field. A state investment in this critical research will touch many families in Wisconsin."