

WE ARE MANY – UNITED AGAINST HATE

A non-partisan, non-profit, state-wide organization of common people who are urban and rural, spiritual and secular, seeking equal protection for all, united against hate, bigotry and racism

ADVISORY: Anti-Hate Leaders to Condemn Brian Hagedorn's Bigotry

MADISON -- Leaders from "We Are Many - United Against Hate" will hold a press conference on Thursday, March 7, at 11 A.M. in the State Capitol, Assembly Parlor, Second Floor (West), to denounce Supreme Court candidate Brian Hagedorn's use of his Christian faith to defend his hateful, homophobic remarks and actions.

Following criticism of both his blog posts that likened homosexuality to bestiality, and his founding of a school that discriminates against the LGBTQ community, Hagedorn has defended himself by claiming he is being attacked because of his faith.

WHO:

- **Masood Akhtar** - He is an Indian-born proud American Muslim entrepreneur and activist who founded the "We Are Many - United Against Hate" Movement to build an inclusive community regardless of ethnicity, color, religion or political affiliation.
- **Charles L. Cohen** - E. Gordon Fox Emeritus Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison whose scholarship has focused on religion in America and on the braided histories of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. He serves as an Advisory Board Member of "We Are Many - United Against Hate."
- **Steven Porter** - Civil rights lawyer who litigates to protect individuals and groups against deprivations of their civil rights and employment discrimination. He has successfully litigated several cases to protect First Amendment rights. He is the Chair of the Civil Rights and Liberties Section of the State Bar. He is also an Advisory Board Member of "We Are Many -United Against Hate."
- **Steve Starkey** - Executive Director at OutReach LGBT Community Center who has worked with social justice nonprofit organizations and cooperatives since the 1970s, addressing issues such as peace and justice, environmental preservation, economic justice, racial justice, LGBTQ civil rights and many other causes. He is also as an Advisory Board Member of "We Are Many -United Against Hate."

WHERE: State Capitol, Assembly Parlor, Second Floor (West)

WHEN: Thursday, March 7 at 11:00 A.M.

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