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Statement

# President Cross Statement on Governor's Proposed Capital Budget

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MADISON, Wis. – University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross issued this statement today:

"We appreciate that the Governor recognizes many of the challenges in facility repair, renovation, and replacement that the University of Wisconsin System is facing. Our challenges are significant as we seek to update antiquated buildings and systems to ensure the safe and modern learning environment students expect. As the largest owner of physical space in state government, the UW System's capital budget request represented just 8% of the total UW System portfolio."

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