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## **Statement from Senator Jon Erpenbach on another Republican budget that cuts UW classrooms.**

“A budget is all about priorities and Republicans and Governor Walker have made it very clear that the UW is not their priority. Since elected, Governor Walker’s state budgets have spent nearly \$282 billion dollars – over \$127 billion in GPR alone. These are the biggest budgets in the history of Wisconsin, yet Governor Walker and Republicans have cut \$800 million from the UW in the last few budgets. The funds are there, but Republicans have chosen not to restore their \$800 million cut. Democrats will not agree to continue this cut to the UW because we value the UW and the economic engine it is. Wisconsin deserves better than another state budget with cuts to our UW classrooms. Truly the great state of Wisconsin deserves a strong UW system and the educational opportunities a strong investment in our UW schools brings for our people.”