

July 24, 2006

Governor James Doyle
Room 115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708
HAND DELIVERED

RE: Kevin Barrett and UW-Madison

Dear Governor Doyle:

Enclosed is a signed copy of a legislative resolution endorsed by the signatures of 52 members of the Assembly and nine members of the Senate. The resolution condemns the 9/11 conspiracy theory of UW-Madison Lecturer Kevin Barrett, the decision of Provost Patrick Farrell to allow Kevin Barrett to continue teaching his academically dishonest views, and it demands that Kevin Barrett be released from employment by UW-Madison.

I know that you have expressed serious doubts over the employment of Kevin Barrett by UW-Madison. Unfortunately, the Board of Regents and the leadership of UW-Madison have chosen a combative and unresponsive stance in dealing with this matter. The performance of Regent President David Walsh has been shameful and his disrespect for the views of taxpayers and their elected officials can only be termed unacceptable.

The time has come for the Legislature and you to raise the standard we expect from your appointees on the Board of Regents. If President Walsh and the other regents are unable to comprehend the correct course of action on the Barrett issue, then it is impossible to believe that the current membership of the regents is capable of resolving the numerous and far more serious scandals and mismanagement that plague the UW System.

Governor, I am requesting that you use the enclosed legislative resolution to communicate your desires on the Kevin Barrett matter directly to the Board of Regents and the administration of the UW System. This situation is an embarrassment to the institution and the people of Wisconsin. It will only get worse, unless you join with the majority of legislators who believe the time has come to send an unmistakable message to the leadership of the UW System.

Sincerely,

Steve Nass
State Representative
31st Assembly District