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Representative Stephen Nass
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Dear Representative Nass:

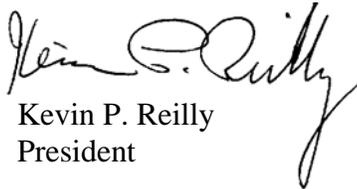
Thank you for forwarding to me a resolution signed by a number of legislators regarding UW-Madison instructor Kevin Barrett. In response, I am enclosing a message I have been sending to people who have contacted me about this matter.

I appreciate that you and other legislators have heard strong concerns about it from some of your constituents. I have heard them too. I firmly believe that it is in the best interest of these constituents and all our citizens to avoid having the state—or for that matter a university president or chancellor—decide what should be discussed in university classrooms.

I hope you can appreciate the university's commitment to getting at the truth the old fashioned way—by providing error the opportunity to be disproved, and the facts confirmed through ongoing, and sometimes contentious, argument.

Please give me a call if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Kevin P. Reilly
President

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Regents
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