



June 26, 2009

Governor Jim Doyle
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

RE: Veto of UW Collective Bargaining Language to give WERC power to assign current academic staff to existing unions

Dear Governor Doyle:

The Academic Staff Professionals Representation Organization (ASPRO) is a UW system-wide, non-profit, professional organization representing the UW System academic staff and their interests. ASPRO is the only professional organization that represents the 11,000 academic staff -- and only the academic staff -- of the UW System.

ASPRO supports granting collective bargaining rights to the academics staff and the faculty of the UW System, but strongly believes that individual academic staff members should have the right to vote whether they wish to be represented by a union. The language inserted in the budget by the Joint Committee on Finance to allow WERC to assign academic staff professionals to existing unions is undemocratic and violates the spirit of collective bargaining.

ASPRO asks that you veto this language in AB 75 and give all academic staff the opportunity to decide for themselves whether they wish to be represented by a union.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Carlson".

DAVE CARLSON
President

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