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Fund the Freeze Pledge

We recognize that college affordability and accessibility are critical in moving Wisconsin forward. Since the 2011 state budget, the cumulative cuts to the UW system have totaled \$795 million. Adjusted for inflation, this means Wisconsin now spends less on educating its UW students than at any time in its history. These cuts have harmed students by reducing class offerings and programs, increasing class sizes, and lengthening the time to degree.

In August 2016, the Board of Regents released a strategic plan entitled "2020FWD." We believe any strategic plan that is truly forward-looking should fully fund the tuition freeze by 2020. According to the governor's calculations, this would require a \$70 million increase in funding in each of the next three years.

For the benefit of UW students and the economic vitality of this state, we, the undersigned, pledge to support fully funding the freeze.

Signed:

<https://fundthefreeze.org/>