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## **Testimony to the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety in Opposition to Assembly Bill 305, Which Would Limit Research at UW-Madison**

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PROFS, the Public Representation Organization of the Faculty Senate, represents the interests of the UW-Madison faculty. The elected University Committee, the executive committee of the Faculty Senate, serves as PROFS Board of Directors.

Day in and day out, UW-Madison faculty are bringing worldwide acclaim to our state by leading research into human development, diseases, and treatment. Patients and their families are looking with hope at our research into conditions like epilepsy, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and heart failure.

In conducting this important research, the faculty are committed to maintaining the highest possible ethical standards. The university follows all applicable laws and goes beyond what federal regulations require.

Regardless of what you think of the Planned Parenthood footage, it has nothing to do with the research done at UW-Madison. Federal law already includes a prohibition on selling fetal tissue for profit. If anyone broke the law, they should be prosecuted.

Unfortunately, the reality of AB 305 is that it would negatively impact the research currently being done at UW-Madison. Not only would it make criminals out of some of the world's top researchers, it would send a clear message across the globe that Wisconsin no longer values the biomedical research that has brought us such positive attention.

At a time when other universities and states would love to get the research money being spent at UW-Madison, AB 305 would have a chilling effect. Is this really what the people of Wisconsin want? The faculty do not believe this to be the case.