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PROFS Statement on Budget Bill Being Signed Into Law

PROFS, representing the UW-Madison faculty, thanks Governor Evers and legislators for creating a state budget that will significantly reinvest in the structural needs of UW-Madison. The capital portion of the budget provides much-needed support for the Veterinary Medicine, Natatorium, Sallery Hall, Kohl Center, and Camp Randall Stadium and Fieldhouse projects. It also provides most of what the university requested for facilities maintenance and repair and classroom renovation and instructional technology improvements, both of which are very important to faculty.

While PROFS is also pleased that the university will receive some additional funding for general operations and a pay plan, this funding is inadequate, especially when combined with a continuing tuition freeze. The simple reality is that UW-Madison does not have the resources and flexibility it needs and what its peer institutions take for granted.

It is time for the state to have an open and honest discussion about what UW-Madison needs to continue providing the economic stimulus and educational and research outcomes that the people of Wisconsin have come to expect from our flagship higher education institution. PROFS looks forward to being part of that discussion.