



Do No Harm

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Dear Speaker Vos,

You have shown true leadership with your [recent](#) position statement regarding the University of Wisconsin System's plan to invest \$32 million to expand healthcare training in the state. As the head of an organization that represents medical professionals and students, I applaud you for withholding these state budget funds until UW ends its diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

Medical schools have arguably embraced DEI to an even greater extent than other institutions – and the consequences are liable to be much more dangerous, even deadly. It has already been used to lower standards for admission to medical school, raising concerns about students' ability to be successful. DEI has even been used to justify policies like preferential medical treatment by race, which is racial discrimination by another name.

My organization has found that the UW School of Medicine and Public Health has fallen prey to DEI ideologies. However, [progress](#) was made in eliminating a discriminatory scholarship in the Department of Pediatrics. In response to a complaint I filed in June 2022, the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) opened an investigation. UWSMPH subsequently scrubbed its website of the program, and the OCR closed the investigation on September 27, 2023.

I ask that you give special consideration to the complete removal of DEI initiatives in healthcare education programs in the UW System. This issue goes well beyond the quality of the education they provide. Ultimately, it affects the health and well-being of everyone who will one day be treated by the physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals they teach.

Thank you for your commitment to curing this corruption in medical education in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Stanley Goldfarb, MD

Chairman
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