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## Thompson an Ideal Choice for the UW-System

GREEN BAY— Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) released the following statement applauding the Board of Regents' announcement that former Governor Tommy Thompson will serve as the Interim President of the UW-System:

*"It's no surprise to me that Tommy Thompson answered his state's calling during these turbulent times. Thompson is the embodiment of a statesman, having shown himself to be a proven leader and bridge-builder with an unmatched knowledge of state government administration and finances. He's also shown steadfast commitment to UW-System and the Wisconsin Idea, with numerous roles that have placed him on the forefront of innovation in our state. In addition to his leadership, charisma, dedication, and knowledge, Thompson will bring expertise in public health as the UW-System prepares for a safe return to in-person campus operations.*

*"Filling Ray Cross's shoes was always going to be a tall order. As the Regents continue their search for a long-term President, the interim pick of Thompson is a praiseworthy choice that will continue building on the value that our cherished higher education institutions bring to Wisconsin."*

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