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## Statement

### UW System President Thompson statement on budget lapse elimination

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MADISON, Wis.—University of Wisconsin System President Tommy Thompson issued this statement today:

“When Governor Evers announced the lapses, I understood his desire to be fiscally responsible during the pandemic, and we worked closely with him to create a workable plan for UW System’s share.

“Now that Wisconsin is coming out of those difficult times, I appreciate his willingness to eliminate the lapse for the current fiscal year.

“This restored funding will be a significant help to our campuses as we fully open this fall.”

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