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To whom it may concern:

Re: Requests for Evidence of Tax Exempt Status of the University of Wisconsin System (State ID: #40706: Federal ID: #39-6006492 and #39-1805963)

This letter is intended for use in grant applications or as a response to specific requests from potential donors, estates, trusts and businesses inquiring about the tax-exempt status of the University of Wisconsin System.

All University of Wisconsin institutions are tax-exempt units of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, a body corporate and an agency of the State of Wisconsin established under Wis. Stat. Ch. 36.

The Board of Regents was created as an independent agency in the executive branch of the State of Wisconsin. See <u>Wis. Stat. §15.91</u>. The Board members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the State Senate. All aspects of Board operations are subject to regulation by the Wisconsin Legislature as further detailed in <u>Wis. Stat. Ch. 36</u>. The Board of Regents has taxexempt status because it is an integral part of Wisconsin's state government.

All bequests, devices, income, donations, contributions and gifts to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System or any of its institutions or operations are exempt income or charitable deductions under Section 170(c)(1). Internal Revenue Code.

Sincerely,

Quinn Williams General Counsel