



# Tony Evers

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To the Honorable Members of the Assembly:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 663 in its entirety.

Under this bill, the Board of Regents and any University of Wisconsin System institution would be prohibited, with certain exceptions, from entering into collaboration agreements, academic partnerships, or research partnerships with colleges or universities controlled by governments or regimes of foreign adversaries, or with certain foreign principals.

I am vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to the Wisconsin State Legislature's ongoing efforts to undermine the University of Wisconsin System and the Board of Regents by inserting itself into the daily decision making on University of Wisconsin campuses.

Further, I am also vetoing this bill in its entirety because I object to legislation that is unnecessary and redundant. The University of Wisconsin System and its individual institutions already have many policies and procedures in place to protect students, staff, and faculty when it comes to relationships with foreign institutions and governments. The system and institutions are also required to abide by the many state and federal laws, rules, and guidelines set forth by various state and federal agencies. This legislation could unnecessarily limit or undermine our progress in education and innovation within a global economy that thrives on collaboration. I trust the University of Wisconsin System and the Board of Regents to responsibly and effectively ensure its activities are appropriate with respect to foreign colleges, businesses, and individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Evers", written in a cursive style.

Tony Evers  
Governor