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SA1516-039: Resolution Supporting AB 808 Giving Amnesty for Underage Drinking in the Event of Sexual Assault

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WHEREAS; Wisconsin State Assembly bill AB 808 was introduced on Monday, January 25, 2016 addressing the issue of providing amnesty to survivors of sexual assault and others who report sexual assault ensuring that they cannot be issued an underage drinking citation;

WHEREAS; this amnesty is already offered by UW-L campus police, as well as the University of Wisconsin-Madison police;

WHEREAS; UW-Madison police are in favor of this proposal;

WHEREAS; State Representative Joan Ballweg says that "this legislation would provide underage victims of sexual assault some peace of mind when deciding to come forward to report their assault."

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel is in support of this measure and stated "This legislation recognizes head-on that perpetrators of sexual assault routinely use alcohol as a weapon to weaken the defenses of their victims";

WHEREAS; the purpose of this legislation is to increase the number of reported sexual assaults as the issue cannot effectively be addressed without having an accurate representation of how many are affected by this tragic and grossly under-reported crime;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Association of the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse supports AB 808.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; upon its passing, a copy of this resolution is to be sent to State Senator Jennifer Shilling and State Representative Jill Billings.

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