



TO: Members of the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities

FROM: Nathan Berken
Vice President of Government Relations
Medical College of Wisconsin

DATE: October 25, 2023

RE: Comment on Assembly Bill 554, Relating to race-based higher education programs and requirements

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) is registered as Undisclosed on Assembly Bill 554 (AB 554) and is providing the following written comment, in advance of the Committee's Public Hearing, scheduled for October 26, 2023:

AB 554 contains numerous provisions, while the repeal of s. 39.15(1)(c) specifically addresses MCW. The repeal of s. 39.15(1)(c) aids in avoiding any possible interpretation of state law that would conflict with the United States Supreme Court ruling on race-conscious admissions. MCW is committed to training a diverse, technically competent, and proficient workforce to best serve all patient populations, and this continued commitment is in alignment with the Supreme Court's ruling.

MCW appreciates the Committee's review of this comment on AB 554.