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## **College Republicans of UW-Stevens Point On SGA Letter in Support of Sexual Assault Survivors and Dr. Christine Blasey Ford**

**STEVENS POINT-** On Thursday, October 4, 2018 the Student Government Association of UW-Stevens Point (SGA) passed a letter in support of sexual assault survivors in light of the recent nomination and confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Within the letter, it states “Mr. Kavanaugh has now been credibly accused by three separate women of sexual assault, including Dr. Ford, Debora Ramirez and Julie Swetnick”, further stating “the contempt shown by these United State Senators are simply abhorrent”. The contents of the letter were passed in a 14-0 vote in the SGA Senate in the general meeting.

This action taken by the Student Government Association is acutely partisan in an effort to support one political agenda, even though this organization is to be non-partisan and represent the entire student body. While the message of supporting sexual assault survivors who provide a credible account and emphasizing the resources available on campus is honorable and is what all political sides can agree on, the overwhelming partisanship shows the disdain for opposing views in the Student Government Association. By not providing this letter to the student body before the vote, it silenced the people these Senators are meant to represent. We are disappointed that the Student Government Association has taken this partisan take to represent the entire student body on such an issue.

Chairwoman, Amelia Heup, released a statement regarding the recent vote on the letter by the Student Government Association (SGA):

“Sexual assault survivors and the accounts in which they state should be taken as serious allegations in the judicial process. The University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point has provided noble resources on campus to support those who experience such trauma. As a campus organization, we support those who bring credible accounts forward and are willing to speak out. However, this letter is extremely partisan and ignores the constitutional right of due process provided all people in this country, no matter what societal position. By presenting the case of Justice Kavanaugh and Dr. Ford in coalition with sexual assault on campus under minds credible allegations and evidence from those who have survived this trauma. I urge SGA to withdraw this letter for its partisan bias and allow students to be involved in this process.”

UW-Stevens Point College Republicans support those who survive sexual assault. We, however, do not condone the bias that the Student Government Association has put forth.