



JANEL STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRANDTJEN



Brandtjen Responds to Steffen’s Letter Regarding the Meagan Wolfe Impeachment Resolution

For more information, contact:
Rep. Brandtjen (414) 915-8425

January 10, 2024

Madison – State Representative Janel Brandtjen released the following statement in response to Representative Steffen’s letter (below) addressing concerns surrounding the Administrator Wolfe impeachment resolution:

“Firstly, it is crucial to clarify that the resolution in question does not fall under the purview of a bill and, as such, does not necessitate a hearing or formal discussions. With Representative Steffen's extensive legislative experience, I trust he is well acquainted with these procedural intricacies.

Secondly, the unusual requirement of a 50-vote threshold for a hearing on the resolution raises concerns. This unprecedented stipulation creates an unnecessary obstacle in addressing the matter effectively, deviating from standard legislative practices.

Representative Steffen's request for proof against Meagan Wolfe’s maladministration raises serious questions about the depth of his understanding of this situation. Notable cases, including the Supreme Court’s Teigen v. WEC drop box ban, WILL's case exposing Wolfe’s false registrations, the Supreme Court's ruling on indefinitely confined statuses in Madison and Milwaukee, the Racine case involving special voting deputies, and another Racine case addressing mobile voting, collectively present substantial evidence warranting the impeachment of Administrator Wolfe.

Moreover, it is noteworthy that Administrator Wolfe has taken legal action against both the Assembly and the Senate to maintain a lifetime appointment. Such drastic measures underscore the gravity of the situation and necessitate swift and decisive action.

Finally, with Rep. Steffen now informed, I appreciate his prompt action in transferring this resolution to the Speaker’s office. This will facilitate its placement on the floor and initiate the impeachment process immediately.”



DAVID STEFFEN

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 4th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

January 5, 2024

**Sent Electronically*

Dear Rep. Brandtjen,

In the press release you issued yesterday, you indicated that I, as Chair of the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, have been an "obstacle" to the passage of the resolution you authored, AR 18. Since you have indicated multiple times, including in yesterday's press release, that your intent is to bring the resolution directly to the floor, there is no role or need for a standing committee hearing.

However, if your unstated, mystery intent was to abandon that approach and pursue a public hearing in the standing committee, you have failed to communicate such interest to me or my office. It is a standard, longstanding pre-requisite for bill authors to submit a public hearing request to the Chair's office. You chose not to do this. It is also a standard procedure to meet with the Committee Chair to review and discuss the proposal. You chose not to do this either. You have been around the Capitol as long as I have, and know these steps are in place to properly process and vet the 1,000+ pieces of legislation that flow through the committees every session.

Rep. Brandtjen, I am not a mind-reader. You should not expect hand-holding--every legislator has to work to get their legislation moving, and that includes you. If you would apply the appropriate effort, ability and communication on this matter, I truly believe AR 18 could someday be successful.

If you would like to further discuss this important, time-sensitive resolution, I am very open to meeting with you. I am here to help.

Sincerely,

David Steffen
State Representative
4th Assembly District
(608) 266-5840

Wisconsin State Capitol • Post Office Box 8953 • Madison, WI 53708-8953 • (608) 237-8104 • Rep.Steffen@legis.wi.gov

###