



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 16, 2015

Contact: Rep. Mark Spreitzer, 608-266-1192

Rep. Spreitzer opposes dismantling nonpartisan elections watchdog and eviscerating campaign finance laws

MADISON – Following today’s extraordinary session in the Wisconsin State Assembly to gut campaign finance laws and dismantle Wisconsin’s nonpartisan elections watchdog, Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) released the following statement:

“There have been many claims lately that going back to separate ethics and elections commissions will be good for Wisconsin. However, this model has been tried before and resulted in an unprecedented period of political corruption in Wisconsin during the Caucus Scandal. We have already seen that this model does not work.

“Assembly Republicans have also approved a complete rewrite of Wisconsin's campaign finance law, including rubber stamping changes from Senate Republicans that make a bad bill worse. This bill ushers in a new era in Wisconsin - an era where massive amounts of anonymous money will flow into the pockets of politicians, and there will be little to no ability for anyone to discover, investigate, and stop corrupt practices. This bill makes remaining campaign contribution limits almost meaningless.

“Instead of calling the Assembly into extraordinary session to find ways to bring good, family-supporting jobs back to our state, Republican leaders convened an extraordinary session to vote on bills that will bring political corruption back our state. Today is a dark day for democracy and a dark day for Wisconsin.”

#

45TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

State Capitol: PO Box 8953, Madison, WI 53708 (608) 266-1192

Toll-free: (888) 534-0045 FAX: (608) 282-3645 E-mail: Rep.Spreitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov

Follow me on Twitter [@RepSpreitzer](https://twitter.com/RepSpreitzer) or at Facebook.com/RepSpreitzer