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## Rep. Stuck's Reaction to Republican Passage of Wisconsin Politician Corruption Legislation

MADISON – Rep. Stuck issued the following statement following party line support and passage of legislation opening the State of Wisconsin up for corruption:

“Unfortunately it really isn’t a surprise that these bills were moved forward in such a fast and hasty manner. It seems clear that Republican legislators are more focused on solidifying their political power and opening the State up for corruption and the rule of special interests, rather than address the problems and challenges facing Wisconsin.”

“We have crumbling transportation infrastructure with projects facing delays, we have a public education system which is underfunded while private schools are siphoning off taxpayer dollars, and we have a ‘job creation’ agency which continually fails to track projects and follow state law. Rather than working to actually address these issues, this week Republicans passed legislation which will: create a partisan and toothless legislative watchdog; which exempts only politicians from John Doe criminal investigations; and which rewrites campaign finance laws allowing individuals to donate even more money to Wisconsin elections, which allows corporations to fund political parties and campaign committees, which eliminates the disclosure of employment information to campaign donors, and which allows individuals to spend unlimited amounts on ads without any registration or disclosure requirements.”

“This legislation is so bad for Wisconsin and fails to do what countless courts have ruled and public opinion has held across the state and across the country, providing disclosure of campaign financing and election spending. Legislative Republicans have clearly shown that they are not responsible enough nor trustworthy enough to govern the State of Wisconsin and certainly can’t be trusted to rewrite the rules governing their own campaigns. My Democratic colleagues and I believe that the Legislature needs to take a step back and shouldn’t be creating laws that govern the self-interest and re-election of legislators. That is why I proudly abstained from voting on this campaign finance bill which inserts direct corporate spending into Wisconsin elections, something that no other state has done.”

Regarding Assembly Bill 387 rewriting Wisconsin’s campaign finance laws, Rep. Stuck stated on the floor of the Assembly, “This bill could directly impact my campaign committee. Therefore I believe I have a substantial financial interest in this matter and must recuse myself from voting on this bill.”

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