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## Representative Scott Allen Votes for Needed John Doe Reform

**Madison-** Today Rep. Scott Allen (R.-Waukesha) voted for Assembly Bill 68, a measure to reform Wisconsin's John Doe law. The bill provides important protections, judicial oversight, and public accountability for John Doe proceedings.

At long last the Wisconsin State Assembly has passed a bill that would correct the unanticipated injustices in the current John Doe laws. Assembly Bill 68 is needed reform that gets Wisconsin more in line with national standards and restricts John Doe proceedings to only the most heinous of crimes. These reforms will prevent the abuse of the John Doe prosecution techniques as a tool for silencing political speech.

Political and non-violent crimes can still be prosecuted under a grand jury process, a process that is used in the rest of the nation. This means that in order to prosecute, a district attorney will need to convince a group of people rather than just a single judge.

"Free speech rights need to be protected," said Representative Scott Allen, "I will always fight for free speech!"

Every now and then government oversteps its bounds. Citizens and legislators need to be ever-vigilant in reigning in government in order to protect the rights of the citizens.

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