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## Van Roy Endorses Ethics and Election Package

**MADISON** – Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) is pleased to announce his support for a package of ethics and election reform bills that will better distinguish state work from campaign work.

“Taxpayers deserve to know that their money is being used to do the public good, not to support the campaigns of state officials” Van Roy stated. “Right now though, our laws are too ambiguous to do what they ought to do. This reform package creates a clear distinction between campaign and state work and continues Wisconsin’s tradition of being a national leader in strong ethics laws.”

A chief part of the reform package is the Elections Integrity Act, legislation modeled after the national Hatch Act that bars federal employees from engaging in campaign activities while working. Similarly, the Elections Integrity Act prohibits state employees from campaigning on state time and requires mandatory, ongoing training on campaign and ethics laws.

Van Roy also outlined two additional reforms in the package. The Transparency in Fundraising Act requires candidates for state office to file additional campaign finance reports, particularly during the budget process. The purpose, said Van Roy, is to provide the public with more information on fundraising activities of elected officials. The second measure prohibits the state from paying the health insurance benefits of those individuals who leave state service to work on campaigns. Van Roy said the proposal helps to clarify even further the line between state workers and campaign workers.

“This package continues our efforts on government reform in the Assembly over the past few years,” said Van Roy. “As someone who has always worked to do not only what is legal but what is right as a candidate and elected official, I am encouraged that these measures will help keep our government in Wisconsin open, clean and working for you.”

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