State Capitol • PO Box 7882 • Madison, WI 53707-7882 • Phone: (608) 266-8535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 5, 2022 **CONTACT:**Senator Tim Carpenter

Sen.Carpenter@legis.wi.gov

Vos Gets Golden Fleece Award – Wastes \$676,000 taxpayer dollars

(MADISON)—Today, Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement regarding the Republican-led investigation into the 2020 election:

"Wisconsinites are furious that Wisconsin Republicans have already wasted \$676,000 in taxpayer dollars to continue to push The Big Lie that the 2020 Presidential election was stolen, even though it has already been concluded by Wisconsin's nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau and by the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty that there was no widespread voter fraud.

"An unaccountable and secretive commission was cooked up by GOP Speaker Robin Vos to discredit our democratic elections. There is no end in sight for Gableman's partisan inquisition into the 2020 Presidential election.

"This investigation was scheduled to conclude at the end of 2021. Now Vos says he's ready to waste perhaps a million of our tax dollars to continue the investigation perpetuating The Big Lie all to gain some perceived partisan advantage in the 2022 election so Republicans can grab more political power at any cost.

"The worst part is, nobody knows where the money is going. Speaker Vos owes it to the people of our state to be forthcoming with information about the activities that are funded with public money.

"Only one Republican Legislator has questioned the validity of Michael Gableman's partisan investigation and called for it to end. His commission quickly has burned through \$676,000 tax dollars with Speaker Vos willing to throw more down this conspiracy rabbit's hole.

"It is long overdue for Republican legislators to tell Speaker Robin Vos to immediately halt this ridiculously wasteful \$676,000 fleecing of Wisconsin taxpayers."

###

Website: www.legis.state.wi.us/senate/sen03/news