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### **Rep. Craig and Sen. Wanggaard Denounce GAB, Introduce Oversight Committee Legislation**

**Madison, Wis.** – Today, Representative David Craig (R-Town of Vernon) and Senator Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) reacted to the Government Accountability Board's (GAB) settlement agreement with the Wisconsin Club for Growth in Club's lawsuit alleging misconduct by the GAB.

In a joint statement, Rep. David Craig (R) Town of Vernon and Sen. Van Wanggaard (R) Racine said the following:

*"Today's settlement news confirms what we long suspected, that the GAB was intimately involved with prosecutors and actively assisted in the conduct of the "John Doe II" investigation despite GAB leadership's continued insistence to legislators and to the public that it had not."*

The court documents released today also confirm that the GAB committed substantial agency resources to this illegitimate investigation and failed to disclose such as part of a public records request under Wisconsin Stat. §968.26(6). Newly released emails show that the GAB tracked staff hours spent on the John Doe and Special Prosecutor Schmitz writing in an email "the GAB has been actively involved in the John Doe proceedings, long before the Special Prosecutor was appointed".

*"Therefore, because of the continued obfuscation of this information from the public and the legislature we call on GAB Chair, Judge Gerald C. Nichol, and Director and General Counsel, Kevin J. Kennedy, to immediately resign."*

Additionally, today, Rep. Craig and Sen. Wanggaard introduced legislation that would create a legislative committee with subpoena power to gather information on law enforcement techniques and tools that currently have no legislative oversight. The committee would further have the ability to review records related to closed John Doe investigations.

Supporting documents and a copy of the legislation are attached.

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