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LeMahieu Statement on Potential Presidential Recount

LeMahieu: Russia Did Not Steal Wisconsin Election

Madison – Recent media reports suggest that Green Party Presidential Candidate Jill Stein may seek a recount of the Presidential results in Wisconsin. In response, Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg), Chair of the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government, issued the following statement:

“For years, Wisconsin Republicans have worked hard to make it easy to vote and hard to cheat in Wisconsin elections. Now, liberals apparently not only believe widespread fraud exists, but Russia successfully hacked Wisconsin’s elections.

“When Candidate Trump suggested that the election results may be ‘rigged,’ he was rightly criticized. Since he has been elected President, a recount in Wisconsin is somehow a moral imperative.

“Wisconsin has perhaps the most decentralized elections system in the nation. Municipal clerks administer elections in each of the state’s 1,852 cities, towns, and villages. There is no *Wisconsin Elections Mainframe* to hack, and I have not yet heard of any reports of Russian spies running around polling places in Monroe County.”

“Other reports have suggested that Wisconsin’s voting machines need to be audited. Wisconsin law already requires a post-election voting equipment audit, and the process is already underway. A statewide recount would just delay the completion of this audit.

“Wisconsin’s elections were not hacked. To suggest otherwise just exacerbates the political divide in our country.”

“Next session, I will reexamine Wisconsin law to ensure that a candidate who received 1% of the vote cannot hold the results of an election hostage, and jeopardize the state’s 10 electoral votes.”

Details on Wisconsin’s required 2016 voting machine audit: <http://elections.wi.gov/node/4412>

Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) serves the 9th Senate District, which includes portions of Calumet, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties.

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