



JANEL STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRANDTJEN



Election Bribery in Wisconsin

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Madison – State Representative Janel Brandtjen (R-Menomonee Falls) responds to election bribery carried out by the group, Wisconsin Takes Action:

It was recently learned that the group, Wisconsin Takes Action, is offering \$250 to voters to sway their friends to vote for Supreme Court candidate Janet Protasiewicz through an app called, Empower. The program uses a model based on *relational organizing*.

Wisconsin Takes Action set up an Empower app to attract Wisconsin residents to the polls, vote for Janet Protasiewicz for Supreme Court Judge, and reward them with gift cards for taking action. Downloading the app pays voters \$30. Providing 75 names with phone numbers or emails in the app pays \$60. Each time users reach out to their friends to early vote, make a plan to vote, or make contact on Election Day, they will get paid in gift cards on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

“Wisconsin Takes Action seems to have reached out to hundreds, if not thousands, of voters around the state using Zoom calls to commit election bribery under Wisconsin Statute 12.11(1m). Wisconsin Takes Action and its partners (Wisconsin Conservation Voters, WISDOM, AFT-Wisconsin, NextGen America, Freedom Action Now) have put our 2023 Supreme Court election into question even before ballots have been mailed. The willingness of these groups to win by any means necessary should disgust republicans, democrats, independents and all voters of Wisconsin, as this election has now been tainted with bribery,” said Rep Brandtjen.

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