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GOP wages war on Elections and Ethics watchdogs

MADISON, WI – In response to Speaker Vos and Senator Fitzgerald’s resignation request for Wisconsin’s non-partisan Election and Ethics Board administrators, Senate and Assembly Democratic leaders released the following statement:

“Republican politicians are taking a page out of President Trump’s playbook and trying to undermine ethical standards while rigging elections,” said Senate Democratic Leader Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse). “This move will throw our elections into chaos at a time when we need to improve security, combat hacking threats and protect public access to the polls.”

“We have bipartisan elections and ethics boards who have worked together to enforce campaign finance laws and administer fair, open and transparent elections in Wisconsin,” said Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh). “Now, less than a year away from major elections, Republican leaders want to dismantle our impartial election and ethics watchdog agencies without any rational explanation. These non-partisan administrators have earned the unanimous support of the Ethics and Elections Board members. Republican leaders who continue to struggle with scandals and corruption allegations have a clear motive to disrupt election integrity, loosen ethics enforcement and rig the system in their favor.”

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