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Walker Let Off the Hook for Lead Paint Pay-to-Play, Illegal Campaign Coordination

US Supreme Court Refuses to Take Up John Doe Appeal and Whether Wisconsin Judges Should Have Recused Themselves from Walker Corruption Investigation

Madison – State Representative Katrina Shankland (D – Stevens Point) released the following statement upon learning that the United States Supreme Court has declined to hear a case involving the appearance of illegal campaign coordination between Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Club for Growth, with legislative Republicans and the Wisconsin Supreme Court potentially complicit:

“I’m extremely disappointed to see this news, as I believe the John Doe investigation merited a closer look by impartial justices. Justices on our state’s high court directly benefited from spending by the Wisconsin Club for Growth and should have recused themselves from a case involving that group. Instead, the justices that benefited from campaign spending by the Club for Growth voted to quash the John Doe investigation and ordered documents from the investigation destroyed. You have to wonder why.

“This latest development will likely shield Walker and legislative Republicans from any legal repercussions for appearing to engage in illegal pay-to-play politics with corporate leaders of the lead paint industry. Walker and legislative Republicans voted to block a sick kid’s day in court after receiving massive campaign cash from lead paint producers. While he may have skirted around prosecution in the court of law, Wisconsin taxpayers shouldn’t let the governor off the hook in the court of public opinion.

“Let’s not forget: Governor Walker was asking for millions of dollars of corporate cash for ‘his c4’ – the Wisconsin Club for Growth, a 501(c)4 that was not allowed to coordinate with any candidates. The Club for Growth spent millions to elect Republican legislators, the governor, and Supreme Court justices. Then the governor and Republican legislators voted to give themselves special treatment by exempting themselves from investigations into political corruption, turn the nonpartisan GAB into a partisan organization, and flood corporate money into elections. The governor and legislative Republicans have corrupted Wisconsin.”

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