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## **Rep. Stuck Statement on Republican Legislators' Lame Duck Power Grab Defying the Will of the Voters and Incoming Administration in Desperate Attempt to Cling to Power**

MADISON – After yet another Friday surprise last week from Republican Legislators and a delay of more than nine hours of squabbling, Republicans in the State Assembly hit the floor after 10pm last night, followed by more breaks and waiting around as the internal fights continued, and in desperation voted to subvert the will of the people of the State of Wisconsin in grabbing power from Governor-Elect Evers and Attorney General-Elect Kaul.

“The people of Wisconsin turned out in record numbers in November and they have spoken, they want the State to move in a different direction after electing Democrats to hold each of the statewide offices. In spite of these results, Republicans in the Legislature have plugged their ears and are ignoring the will of the people. Speaker Vos, Majority Leader Steineke, Majority Leader Fitzgerald, and Senate President Roth are pulling out all the stops to grab power from Governor-Elect Evers and Attorney General-Elect Kaul to try and solidify their power over the next four years.”

“Across the State of Wisconsin and especially in the Fox Cities, people have had enough of partisan political tricks and want their elected officials to work together to tackle the big issues impacting our state like transportation, healthcare, and education. Instead the Legislature was called in for an Extraordinary Session to take up the Republican Lame Duck power grab bills.”

“Normally, when controversial bills come forward in the State Legislature, I hear from my constituents on both sides of the issues, but not a single constituent has contacted me in support of this Lame Duck Session, while nearly 100 have called and emailed me with their outrage at the actions of the Republican Legislators, here is what some of them had to say:”

‘Many of the changes that are being proposed in this special session are the exact opposite of what I and other Wisconsinites voted for,’ Tamara of Appleton

‘Please stop playing politics and stop playing games with democracy. Voters said in November that they are ready for a new era of civility and working together for what’s best for our children and our communities. Let’s respect that and get to work,’ Meeilei of Appleton

‘The voters chose some new people. Be a responsible adult. Don’t let the outgoing administrators mess it all up on the way out,’ Stanton of Appleton

‘We voted Walker and his politics out. You are obligated to follow the will of the people. We spoke. The action of the GOP is sour grapes and is exactly why Scott Walker lost. Stop this action to limit the Governor’s power,’ Jim of Neenah

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“The behavior of the Republican party after this election reminds me of the group of kids who lose games at the playground and then decide to fix the rules so the next time the game is played, they win. Now it is a bunch of adults who are playing the same game,” Jerry of Appleton

“The proposed legislation is a power grab. It is not following the spirit of our forefathers who have given their lives for our republic,” Nancy of Appleton

“I am strongly opposed to the bills being considered during this special session. It is perhaps the most cravenly undemocratic move we have ever seen in our state. Only a power-hungry, amoral legislator would so flagrantly attempt to undermine the will of the people,” Juana of Menasha

“The Republican Lame Duck Session is nothing but a sham to curtail the powers of two newly elected officials. I hope that integrity, intelligence, and an interest of moving Wisconsin forward will supersede this ill-willed, not-very-well-thought-out and regressive agenda,” Michael of Menasha

“I am beyond disappointed by the actions of my rank and file colleagues on the other side of the aisle who have acquiesced to their power hungry leaders in the Legislature. This power grab is anti-democratic and flies in the face of the will of the people. Today’s session certainly sets the tone for the next four years, as a State Representative and a State Senator, who are elected only by their small districts think that they are more important than statewide elected officials who were voted in by the entire state and who are responsible to the millions of constituents.”

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