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**Ethics Commissioners Should be Banned
from Making Campaign Contributions**

Sen. Carpenter to introduce legislation if Commission does not reverse position.

Madison – Today State Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement regarding the actions taken by Wisconsin’s newly created Ethics Commission allowing its commissioners to make campaign contributions.

“I believe it's important that the Ethics Commission adopt a contribution ban for its own members to avoid the public perception of possible impropriety. Given much of the public's current distrust and cynicism towards government, it would be a mistake not to adopt a contribution ban,” said Carpenter.

At a recent meeting of the Ethics Commission, members voted to table a motion on a 4-2 vote banning Ethics Commissioners from making campaign contributions.

“Unless, the Ethics Commission reverses its position, I will introduce legislation banning Ethics Commissioners from making campaign contributions. As the newly created Ethics Commission begins its important work, I feel it's very important that it starts off on the right foot to help gain the confidence and trust of Wisconsinites,” said Carpenter.

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