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Representative Mark Spreitzer opposes extraordinary session bills seeking to override Wisconsin voters

MADISON—Today, State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) voted against three unprecedented proposals offered by Legislative Republicans. These proposals, SB 883, SB 884, SB 886 would strip incoming Governor-Elect Tony Evers and Attorney General-Elect Josh Kaul of many of the essential functions that millions of Wisconsin voters said they wanted Evers and Kaul to have on November 6th.

"This is a blatant attempt to override and disrespect the will of Wisconsin voters," said Rep. Spreitzer. "Legislative Republicans need to stop putting politics before people and should work together with the incoming administration on the problems facing our state."

Encompassing nearly 300 pages of text, Assembly Republican Speaker Robin Vos released four new proposals at 4:30 PM on Friday, November 30. The Joint Finance Committee then called for a committee hearing the following Monday and a vote of the entire assembly was scheduled for Tuesday (Dec. 4). Drafting files indicate that Robin Vos began drafting these proposals a week after Democrats won every single statewide election on Nov. 6th.

"The people said loud and clear on November 6th that it's time for a change," Rep. Spreitzer added. "There are many things in these bills that are bad, but the central issue is that Republicans lost the only elections conducted outside of gerrymandered districts and are now trying to override the will of the people. We have checks and balances for a reason, and this attempted subversion of the voters shows why those checks and balances are more important than ever."

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