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Senator Agard Applauds Termination of Office of Special Counsel

WISCONSIN – Today, Wisconsin State Assembly Speaker Robin Vos fired Michael Gableman and terminated the Office of Special Counsel after 14 months of investigating the November 2020 presidential election.

Two days earlier, State Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) and Democratic colleagues on the Joint Audit Committee requested an audit of Gableman's investigation after Speaker Vos approved over \$1.3 million in taxpayer dollars to be spent on Gableman's investigation. State Senator Melissa Agard released the following statement:

"For fourteen months, Michael Gableman has abused over \$1.3 million in taxpayer money to investigate Wisconsin's presidential election. We know that the November 2020 presidential election was free, fair, and secure.

"My Democratic colleagues and I have been calling for Michael Gableman and his Office of Special Counsel to be terminated immediately. I am glad that Speaker Vos is finally listening to the people of Wisconsin and putting an end to this senseless waste of taxpayer funds, though long overdue.

"After many other analyses of Wisconsin's 2020 election, there have been no demonstrations of widespread or significant fraud that affected the outcome of our election. Gableman has been grifting on the taxpayers' dime for over a year now. We're going to continue to be paying for these lies both financially and morally. It is far past time that his lies and misinformation have been put to an end."

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