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WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR

Dear District Attorney Ozanne:

Our democracy can only function when everyone is treated equally by the judicial system; equal justice under law is the foundation of self-governance. Right now, our ability to use democracy to improve our lives is being threatened by a powerful few at the highest levels of government who believe themselves above the law, in large part due to their ability to escape accountability for their numerous crimes. When the most powerful among us break the law they should be held to the same standards as anyone else — not given special treatment or deference for their illegal acts.

That's why I am deeply concerned about the egregious way Elon Musk and his super PAC have blatantly broken Wisconsin's Election Bribery law, [Wis. Stat. 12.11\(1m\)](#). The law prohibits offering or promising to give anything of value to induce any elector to vote or go to the polls, or to vote for a particular person. In addition, the law prohibits anyone from agreeing to receive something of value in consideration that they have or will so act (by voting). Every instance of this is a Class I felony, punishable under Wisconsin law by up to 3.5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

In the early hours of March 28, 2025, Elon Musk, reportedly the richest man in the world, who is currently illegally firing thousands of public workers and dismantling our federal government, posted the following to his social media site X.com (Twitter):



Musk, whose business currently has a lawsuit pending before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, has been relentlessly urging people to vote for Brad Schimel to serve on that very court, where Schimel would likely be the deciding vote in that case. In fact, he's donated approximately \$20 million to the effort to install



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Schimel on the court, dwarfing every other contribution in the race — even those made by other billionaires — by an order of magnitude.

Musk's post is as clear an example of illegal election bribery under Wis.Stat. 12.11 as one could imagine. After legal scrutiny and public outcry, Musk deleted this post. Importantly, however, the statute makes no distinction among offering, promising, giving, or lending things of value — Musk didn't have to actually give money; the offer or promise alone was a crime.

Considering that he posted his offer publicly on a social media platform where he enjoys a following of over 218 million people, many of whom are eligible Wisconsin electors, he could be charged with thousands of counts of election bribery even if he never gave out a penny. [He did, however, give out two \\$1 million checks to Wisconsin electors](#), after backtracking and saying it was actually for signing his "petition" against judicial activism — even [though the petition itself is funded by America PAC](#), which is Schimel's largest financial backer, the petition language closely mirrors campaign messages that Schimel and his supporters use, the petition's offer of \$100 payments for signing expire on Election Day, and only registered Wisconsin voters are eligible for the payment.

Furthermore, Musk is establishing a dangerous pattern: not just manipulating elections through vast spending, but directly interfering with individual voters' choices by bribing them and paying people directly, in violation of the letter and spirit of other election integrity laws. If he gets away with it here in Wisconsin, he will do this in every future election in every single state in the United States. Authoritarianism often succeeds not because elections are eliminated, but because laws are no longer enforced, or not enforced equally against the powerful, and because people lose faith that elections matter.

Musk is emboldened, not chastened, by so far escaping responsibility for his illegal attempts to bribe voters. He continues to try new schemes to pay voters, testing the limits of the law and, of course, doing everything he can to buy a victory for his preferred candidate.

If I stood on State Street and offered Culver's Free Scoop tokens to people for voting, I would expect to be quickly arrested and charged, and I would deserve it. Why should someone who does this on a far bigger and more nefarious scale escape legal accountability? Elon Musk should be charged with election bribery, a warrant issued for his arrest, and the criminal legal process allowed to proceed.

You have the power to do it — to enforce our laws, without fear or favor. More importantly, you have a responsibility to every person in Dane County and in Wisconsin to hold Elon Musk accountable for his crimes. I urge you to take action immediately to uphold your oath of office, enforce our laws, stand up for the rule of law, and defend our democracy.

Sincerely,

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You could make over \$1000 in one day just by getting out the vote in Wisconsin!

 **America**  @america · 18h
Thank You, Wisconsin 

Vote and Sign Up to be a Block Captain in support of Brad Schimel:
block-captain.theamericapac.org



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Easiest money you ever made!

You don't even need to be from Wisconsin, you just need to get people in the state to hold a picture of [@TeamSchimel](#) (can be on a phone/device or paper) in one hand and go thumbs up with the other hand.



Every time you do that you get \$20 and they get \$20. The goal is to build awareness about the election tomorrow, so this offer applies to today and tomorrow.

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 **AMERICA** 

**SIGN UP TO BE A
BLOCK CAPTAIN IN
SUPPORT OF SUPER
JUDGE BRAD
SCHIMEL**

You will earn \$20 for each Wisconsin resident you recruit and they will receive \$20 too!

You will have to visit houses in your neighborhood and send a picture Monday and Tuesday. Picture must show the resident holding a picture of [Brad Schimel](#) with one hand and a thumbs up on the other. Picture can be electronic or paper.

BONUS: If you refer 100 people, you become a Block General and get an additional \$200.

BONUS: If your recruited resident sends their own picture with a voting location in the background, they will receive \$20 and so will you! Applies Tuesday only.

Fill out this form below and you will receive an email with final instructions later tonight.

Offer valid from time of posting through 8 PM CT on 4/1/2025. Maximum one direct payment per resident and one referral payment per resident. NO CIVIC ACTION IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPENSATED FOR SUBMITTING A VOTING LOCATION PHOTO. Please note that Wisconsin law prohibits electioneering within 100' of the entrance of a building containing a polling place. Please obey all signage at polling places. Terms & Conditions

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Wisconsin Statute 12.11, Election Bribery

- (1)** In this section, “anything of value” includes any amount of money, or any object which has utility independent of any political message it contains and the value of which exceeds \$1. The prohibitions of this section apply to the distribution of material printed at public expense and available for free distribution if such materials are accompanied by a political message.
- (1m)** Any person who does any of the following violates this chapter:
- (a)** Offers, gives, lends or promises to give or lend, or endeavors to procure, anything of value, or any office or employment or any privilege or immunity to, or for, any elector, or to or for any other person, in order to induce any elector to:
 - 1.** Go to or refrain from going to the polls.
 - 2.** Vote or refrain from voting.
 - 3.** Vote or refrain from voting for or against a particular person.
 - 4.** Vote or refrain from voting for or against a particular referendum; or on account of any elector having done any of the above.
 - (b)** Receives, agrees or contracts to receive or accept any money, gift, loan, valuable consideration, office or employment personally or for any other person, in consideration that the person or any elector will, so act or has so acted.
 - (c)** Advances, pays or causes to be paid any money to or for the use of any person with the intent that such money or any part thereof will be used to bribe electors at any election.