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JFC Co-Chairs Call for Resignation of Kevin Kennedy

MADISON - On Friday, the co-chairs of the state's budget-writing Joint Finance Committee (JFC), State Senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), issued the following statement after the [Wall Street Journal uncovered](#) a potential coordinated effort to target conservative groups between the Obama Administration and the supposed non-partisan Government Accountability Board (GAB).

"It's time for Kevin Kennedy to resign. A December audit of the GAB by the non-partisan Legislative Audit Bureau exposed real problems under his leadership. The report proved what we suspected all along, the GAB is a rogue agency that ignores state law and operates against its founding principles. Today's revelation proves the situation is worse than the audit showed.

Friday's Wall Street Journal exposed a coordinated effort by the GAB's Kevin Kennedy and the disgraced Obama appointee at the IRS Lois Lerner. It is clear that the harassment of conservative groups by Lerner at the federal level directly coincided with the harassment of conservative groups right here in our state.

We have completely lost confidence that the GAB can be trusted to operate in a non-partisan manner for the citizens of the state of Wisconsin with Kennedy in charge. In order for the GAB to return to its original mission, Kevin Kennedy must go."

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