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Walker: Proposes Wisconsin Ethics System Overhaul

(Wauwatosa.) Citing government ethics as one of the greatest challenges to Wisconsin's democracy, Milwaukee County Executive and Candidate for Governor Scott Walker today released his comprehensive ethics reform plan. Walker's plan calls for a major overhaul of Wisconsin's failing system to restore integrity to our state's government.

"During my 100-Day agenda tour I outlined ethical reforms that could be implemented without legislation," said Walker. "Today's plan is far more comprehensive and will not only require the assistance of the legislature, but also the people of Wisconsin to step forward to make it happen."

Key highlights of the Walker ethics reform plan include:

- **Prohibit political campaign contributions until the state budget is signed into law**
- **Five year ban on paid lobbying of the agency an individual worked in for all members of the administration, Legislature and legislative staff**
- **Term limits on all state offices of no more than 12 years**
 - **3 terms for Governor, Treasurer, Secretary of State, and Attorney General**
 - **3 terms for State Senate**
 - **6 terms for State Assembly**
- **Return to a part-time legislature**

"The culture of government has destroyed the integrity and the idea of public service," said Walker. "My plan seeks to restore the public trust, and instill the confidence that our elected leaders are working for the people," Walker added.

Walker cited the revolving door of professional politician to professional lobbyist and the undue influence of campaign cash as one of the most glaring problems in government today.

Wisconsin is one of 11 states that is considered to have a truly "full-time" legislature, and one of only 6 states that is always "in session" for the full two-year cycle. Most states have a defined time period for the regular legislative session, and these sessions are always shorter than two years.

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Walker conceded that many of these proposals may not be received warmly in Madison. However, he invites everyone to listen to the people and offer their own proposals to restore the integrity of Wisconsin's government.

"Re-instilling the people's trust in our public institutions will be a top priority for my administration," said Walker. "I believe this plan begins this process and I look forward to discussing my proposals in the coming months of this campaign."

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