

DNC: Statement on outgoing Republican governors in Wisconsin and Michigan limiting the powers of their Democratic successors

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DNC Chair Tom Perez released the following statement after outgoing Republican Governors Scott Walker and Rick Snyder signed legislation limiting the powers of their successors, Governor-elect Tony Evers and Governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer:

“Scott Walker has shown yet again why the people of Wisconsin lost faith in his leadership and voted him out of office. Instead of respecting the outcome of the election, Walker and Wisconsin Republicans chose to undermine the authorities of Governor-elect Tony Evers. This is the schoolyard equivalent of ‘I’m taking my ball, and I’m going home.’”

“This legislation is a danger to our democracy and a perfect example of the cynical politics and petty partisanship that will define Scott Walker’s legacy. His administration was an unmitigated disaster devoid of any shred of dignity or decency. Good riddance.

“As if Walker’s power grab wasn’t enough, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder followed suit mere hours later, signing legislation to gut voter-backed minimum wage and paid sick leave initiatives while also stripping power from Governor-elect Gretchen Whitmer. Rick Snyder failed the people of Michigan over and over. The least he could do is respect their voices and the outcome of the election. And yet, he has failed them once more.

“Wisconsin and Michigan Republicans should be ashamed of themselves. Their

voters deserve better.”