

# One Wisconsin Now: Eric Trump can expect smooth landing in Wisconsin Rapids

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**MADISON, Wis.** — Eric Trump will be flying in to Wisconsin today as Republicans experience electoral turbulence across the country and here in state. Whatever the potential bumps at the ballot box for the party of Donald Trump, his son from the first of Trump's three marriages, should enjoy a smooth landing for his stop in Wisconsin Rapids. Thanks to a 2017 budget provision approved by Wisconsin's frequently flying governor Scott Walker, the runways have been upgraded at the small central Wisconsin airport to accommodate luxury jet travel to an exclusive golf resort owned and run by for a major Republican donor.

"Donald Trump and his family are no strangers to corruption," said One Wisconsin Now Executive Director Scot Ross. "Today his son Eric will be treated to some Scott Walker-style pay to play as he jets into Wisconsin Rapids to stump for Republicans. While the GOP may be in for a bumpy ride at the ballot box, Trump's son should enjoy a smooth landing thanks to some special favors from Walker and his gang to a major campaign donor."

Among the provisions included in the 2017 state spending plan was [\\$4 million to upgrade the runways](#) at the small central Wisconsin airport to accommodate corporate jet traffic bringing golfers to an exclusive resort developed by a major donor to Gov. Walker and the state GOP.

The owner of the course, Chicago based developer Michael Keiser and his family, gave \$65,000 to Republicans prior to the signing of the budget. Since then, Michael Keiser has cut checks to his GOP pals totalling \$25,000 to the Republican Party of Wisconsin, \$20,000 to Scott Walker, \$10,000 to Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch and \$1,000 to local Assembly Republican Scott Krug.

In an ironic sidelight, Keiser, for whom the airport upgrades were made, is considered in golf circles to be a rival course developer with Eric Trump's father, Donald. [In a media interview](#) Donald Trump spoke poorly of Keiser's central Wisconsin luxury golf resort saying:

*"You know, everyone crows about Bandon Dunes," [Trump told Links magazine](#) a few years ago when he was building Trump International Golf Links near Aberdeen, Scotland. "I've been to Bandon Dunes. The views there are no better than what we have, and the dunes themselves are like little toys compared to our dunes."*