

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Statement on Republican attempts to override will of Wisconsin voters

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MADISON, WI – Today, **U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02)** released the following statement regarding Wisconsin's Joint Finance Committee taking up legislation today aimed at weakening the authority of incoming Democratic officials.

“Wisconsin Republicans’ shameful and undemocratic last-minute attempt to override the vote of the people is more becoming of a third world dictatorship than the birthplace of Fighting Bob La Follette and it must be stopped. Jamming the last days of the legislative session with voter suppression legislation and attempts at undermining the agenda of a newly elected Governor and Attorney General is a blatant attempt to override the vote by the people of our state.

“Republicans had eight years of the Scott Walker Administration to enact laws if needed, but instead, they waited until the last minute of an exiting administration to make an unconstitutional push for more power. As a former Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance, I know that fast-tracking these bills is not only wrong to do, but also shows how wrong the Republicans know these actions are. By rushing these bills, Republicans know they are attempting to deceive the people.

“Wisconsin voters spoke on November 6, electing Democrats to the Governor’s and Attorney General’s offices, as well as other offices up and down the ballot. Governor Walker, Majority Leader Fitzgerald, and Speaker Vos should immediately reverse course and stop seeking to crack down on voting rights, thwart the incoming administration, and shove through laws that will have long-lasting damaging effects

on Wisconsin families.”