

WisGOP: Lisa Neubauer reverses course on special interest spending

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Liberal Group to Spend \$350,000 on Neubauer's Race Despite Her Earlier Claims [Madison, WI] — Today, Obama ally Eric Holder announced he is coming to Wisconsin next week to campaign for Supreme Court candidate Lisa Neubauer and that his political groups plan to spend \$350,000 to get her elected. This news is a stark contrast to Judge Neubauer's earlier positions on such activity. When first entering the race, [Neubauer told voters she would call on these types of outside groups to stay out of the race](#), stating "[t]here's nothing good about outside money — special interest money — coming in to influence court elections." [Neubauer has also called special interest money "toxic" and claimed it "undermines the public's confidence in our judicial system,"](#) despite accepting nearly \$120,000 in direct campaign contributions from special interests groups. Has Neubauer reversed her position on special interest spending, or is she only opposed to it when it doesn't benefit her?

Read the full write-up [here](#) or find excerpts below.

Eric Holder to stump for Wisconsin Supreme Court candidate Lisa Neubauer

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Former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is coming to Wisconsin next week to campaign for Judge Lisa Neubauer and a group Holder runs plans to spend \$350,000 to help her win her state Supreme Court race.

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Neubauer is running against Judge Brian Hagedorn to replace Supreme Court Justice Shirley Abrahamson, who is not seeking re-election.

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Holder and his group, the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, have been active in Wisconsin politics since last year.

The group and its affiliates spent more than \$2 million in 2018 to help liberal candidates, including Tony Evers, who won his bid for governor, and Rebecca Dallet, who secured a seat on the state Supreme Court. An arm of Holder's group also sued last year to force then-Gov. Scott Walker to schedule special elections for open state legislative seats.

In his latest effort, an affiliate of Holder's group is giving \$350,000 to two groups to help Neubauer — Together Wisconsin Acts and Black Leaders Organizing Communities.

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Hagedorn campaign adviser Stephan Thompson in a statement noted Neubauer's has been critical of outside spending in Supreme Court races.

"Clearly, Eric Holder and left wing special interests want to politicize the Supreme Court to accomplish their own agenda," his statement said. "Lisa Neubauer called on special interest money to stay out and now she's happy to accept it. The key question is, 'What's changed?' "

Read the full write-up [here](#).