

‘UpFront’: Moore, Tiffany air contrasting views on Trump impeachment

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A Wisconsin congresswoman who voted to impeach President Trump said he’s a danger to the country, while a congressman who voted against impeachment said it’s time for the country to move on.

U.S. Reps. Gwen Moore, D-Milwaukee, and Tom Tiffany, R-Minocqua, appeared in separate interviews aired Sunday on “UpFront,” produced in partnership with WisPolitics.com.

“I think the Republican Party has an opportunity to purge someone from their party who has shown time and again that he is unfit for public office,” Moore said about voting for the second time to impeach Trump.

“I think that he’s dangerous. Every moment that he’s in office offers yet another opportunity for him to commit more high crimes and misdemeanors,” Moore said.

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Tiffany said Trump bears some responsibility for what happened at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. But he said he voted against impeachment because of a lack of due process for Trump, and because Trump will be out of office on Wednesday.

“This was really pouring salt on the wounds, I thought, by Speaker Pelosi should just let the process play out,” Tiffany said. “Joe Biden will be the president this coming week.”

“It’s time to turn the page and move on,” said Tiffany, who voted against accepting the electoral votes of Arizona and Pennsylvania after the Jan. 6 Capitol riot.

Moore said a conviction of Trump by the Senate could allow lawmakers to vote to curtail “the sort of powers and authorities he’ll have as an ex-president.”

“One of the things would be, with a simple majority vote, to prevent him from getting these intelligence briefings. I think it would be very dangerous for a Donald Trump, twice impeached, to have that privilege were he not removed,” she said.

Tiffany also said he wants to see a bipartisan investigation of what happened on Jan. 6, when a mob of pro-Trump supporters stormed the Capitol. The rioting left five dead.

“We need to know the full scope of what happened,” he said.

Also on the program, Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr said he agrees with a subcommittee’s recommendation to vaccinate prison inmates for COVID-19.

A subcommittee of experts who advise the Department of Health Services has recommended that inmates be in line for the vaccine, ahead of the general public.

“(Inmates) belong in that tier due to the congregate nature of the facilities that our folks reside in, the difficulty that they have in practicing social distancing, and that these individuals are in state care and deserve adequate medical treatment,” Carr said.

He said “protecting our staff and the persons in our care also then protects the communities where our facilities are located.”

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