

Rep. Dittrich: Responds to Gableman interim report

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Oconomowoc - Representative Barbara Dittrich (R - Oconomowoc) issued the following statement regarding Special Counsel Michael Gableman's testimony on March 1st in front of the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections, in which he presented his interim report on the 2020 election:

"Since the November 2020 general election, I have been working hard on behalf of my constituents to weed through hyper-partisan vitriol on both sides of the aisle in order to get to the truth regarding election integrity. The interim report from Special Counsel Gableman presented in front of the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections affirmed much of what I have been telling constituents of every political persuasion the past sixteen months. Every Wisconsinite should be disturbed at the notion of outside interests swaying the votes by directing funds to specific communities based upon their political tendencies; not following the law when it comes to individuals in long-term care facilities; opening up the state to illegal ballot harvesting with the use of drop boxes; and recommendations by the Wisconsin Elections Commission that did not comport with the law. Wisconsin voters have also long been concerned about WEC's refusal to clean up our voter rolls in compliance with state law.

"Every legal Wisconsin voter deserves to feel confident about the integrity of their vote. Until we reach that point, we must continue to refine the process and prosecute wrongdoing. Unfortunately, our State Attorney General as well as other partisan district attorneys have been asleep at the switch on this issue. My hope is that the information uncovered via referrals from the Racine County Sheriff as well as lawsuits filed by Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty will be addressed by our Wisconsin State Supreme Court. While my esteemed colleagues on the other side of the aisle continue gaslighting, claiming this is just a big conspiracy theory, both the

Legislative Audit Bureau and Special Counsel Gableman have separately uncovered illegal activity that occurred under the guise of COVID-19 mitigation. In fact, as Gableman detailed, very little of the funds used from the Center for Tech and Civic Life were actually used to address concerns with the virus.

“While Gableman suggested that the Legislature had grounds to examine the possibility of decertifying the 2020 presidential election, he also emphasized that it would not result in removal of Joe Biden as President. Therefore, I question the point of decertification and maintain the belief that these problems should be handled through current legal and Constitutional measures as well as repairing our flawed election laws. I appreciate how this entire situation has motivated voters to stop taking their voting rights for granted and inspired more volunteerism as poll workers and election observers.”