

Cooke Campaign: Issues statement on Derrick Van Orden's outburst against high-school-age Capitol pages

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EAU CLAIRE, Wisc. –According to a [new report](#), Rep. Derrick Van Orden (WI-3) yelled at and cursed out a group of high-school-age Capitol pages on Wednesday evening. Van Orden [called](#) the pages “lazy sh-t-” and demanded they “get the f-k up” off of the floor as the pages took pictures of the U.S. Capitol Rotunda dome during what is their final week of work. Prior to the tour, Van Orden and his staff were seen [drinking heavily](#) and heard partying loudly.

Rebecca Cooke, Democratic candidate for Congress in Wisconsin's Third District, released the following statement:

“We should be encouraging youth engagement in our democratic process, not using vulgar language towards them. Derrick Van Orden is an embarrassment who clearly lacks the temperament to represent Wisconsin and our values. While attempting to clean up his latest mess, he had the [nerve](#) to compare students commemorating their summer of service to a frat house. Where was his concern for history on January 6th when he and his MAGA buddies besieged the Capitol, resulting in 140+ injuries to police officers and deaths? Van Orden's hypocrisy knows no bounds. The [serial harasser](#) is truly the last person to lecture on decorum and belongs nowhere near the halls of Congress.”