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**FORMER CONGRESSMAN REID RIBBLE AND FORMER HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER DICK
GEPHARDT HOST DISCUSSIONS ON ELECTION INTEGRITY**

Participants included former local elected officials, civic, community and business leaders from Eau Claire, the Fox Valley, Green Bay and La Crosse areas

GREEN BAY, Wis. – In his role as an executive board member of the nonprofit [Keep Our Republic](#), former United States House of Representatives Majority Leader Dick Gephardt (D-MO) convened several recent discussions in Wisconsin regarding the critical importance of ensuring election integrity.

Discussions held in Eau Claire, La Crosse and Green Bay allowed participants to explore unconventional threats to our democracy. Bipartisan and nonpartisan local leaders participated in discussions.

“Wisconsin leaders recognize that all eligible voters should be able and encouraged to vote, all those votes must be counted, and the vote count must stand,” said Ari Mittleman, Executive Director of Keep Our Republic. “The only way we can ensure the continuity of our American democracy is to guard against threats to this electoral process, and we applaud those willing to join important conversations about potential threats to the electoral process in Wisconsin.”

Additional Information about Threats to Democracy

Some of the several threats that may challenge the election process and ability for results to be efficiently certified include potential:

- Meeting of the Electoral College in Madison;
- Support of the so-called “Independent State Legislature Doctrine”;
- Contested elections in the House of Representatives under the 12th Amendment;
- Abuse of emergency powers by executive leaders at the federal or state levels; and
- Political violence and civil disorder

To review video from one recent discussion at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, [click here](#).

ABOUT KEEP OUR REPUBLIC

Founded in 2020, [Keep Our Republic](#) is a non-partisan civic education organization dedicated to protecting a republic of laws and strengthening the checks and balances of our democracy’s electoral system.

We aim to discover, highlight and help to prevent an array of extraordinary threats to American democracy, strengthen democratic guardrails, and educate the public. Using our collective expertise and collaborating with other non-partisan non-profits such as law schools and bar associations, we conduct

original research, publish our findings and recommendations, and engage in additional public outreach and dialogue.

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