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RED DRAGON'S SHADOW CAST UPON WISCONSIN

Burlington, WI — In a bold move that could reshape Wisconsin politics, the Kelly Clark for Assembly District 33 Campaign has released a groundbreaking exposé titled "Bound to the Red Dragon: Uncovering China's Influence in Wisconsin Politics." This eye-opening, 10-page report uncovers alarming evidence of potential foreign influence involving Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and raises critical questions about the integrity of Wisconsin's state leadership.

The extensively researched exposé raises serious concerns about the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) infiltration of state politics through calculated alliances with influential state leaders. Speaker Vos has served on the board of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation (SLLF) since 2013, becoming vice-chair in 2015. That same year, under his leadership, the SLLF established a "permanent partnership" with the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), an organization highlighted by former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo during his 2020 visit to Wisconsin. Pompeo described the CPAFFC as a key arm of China's United Front Work Department, referring to it as "the CCP's official overseas propaganda tool." His visit served as a warning to Wisconsin's state legislature about General Secretary Xi Jinping's strategy of exploiting state leaders as the "weak link" to bypass federal resistance to the CCP's influence in the U.S.

Concerns about China's influence in U.S. politics first emerged during the Trump administration in 2018 and have only intensified since. A July 2022 report by the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) highlighted China's manipulation of state and local governments, identifying the CPAFFC as a key CCP-affiliated organization involved in these efforts. In May 2023, the House Oversight Committee sent a letter to Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, underscoring the CCP's political warfare tactics targeting U.S. governments through the CPAFFC and similar entities.

Just this week, House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer subpoenaed Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas for information that could reveal ties between Democratic vice-presidential nominee and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz and the CCP. This is part of an ongoing investigation into potential foreign influence, focusing on long-standing connections between Walz and Chinese entities linked to the CCP.

"The Chinese Communist Party has mastered the art of subtle infiltration, employing sophisticated strategies to manipulate and influence key state leaders," said Kelly Clark. "This report exposes these tactics in stark detail, revealing how they may already be shaping legislative decisions right here in Wisconsin."

The exposé scrutinizes Speaker Vos's role as vice-chair of the SLLF and its "permanent partnership" with the CPAFFC, raising questions about whether these affiliations influenced his actions as a state representative and Speaker of the Assembly. In particular, concerns have emerged regarding his handling of Assembly Bill 269—a bill designed to prevent foreign adversaries, especially Chinese entities, from acquiring agricultural and forestry land in Wisconsin. Despite the bill's significance, it failed to progress in the legislature.

Additionally, the report highlights communications from Hunter Biden's laptop, revealing that James Bulger—nephew of notorious mobster Whitey Bulger and a close business associate of Hunter Biden—was actively working to forge a connection between the CPAFFC and the SLLF. These exchanges suggest coordinated efforts to cultivate relationships between CCP-affiliated Chinese officials and influential American state leaders, raising serious concerns about the extent of foreign influence in U.S. politics.

"Public service is a sacred duty," stated Kelly Clark. "The people of Wisconsin deserve full transparency regarding Speaker Vos's connections to the SLLF and its partnership with the CPAFFC. As Assembly Speaker, Robin Vos holds immense power over which bills advance, raising the question of whether outside influence impacted his handling of Assembly Bill 269, a crucial measure designed to protect our state's resources from foreign interference. When leaders form questionable alliances, they erode public trust and undermine the foundation of our government. Speaker Vos owes the public a thorough and honest explanation."

The exposé is available at <u>KellyForD33.com</u>. Notably, this investigation is ongoing and extends beyond Wisconsin. The Kelly Clark Campaign is collaborating with individuals nationwide to examine potential Chinese influence on legislative decisions made by state leaders with ties to the SLLF.

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