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Representative Nate Gustafson Responds to the Attempted Ambush of his Constituent Meeting

"As a legislator that values government transparency and integrity in my elected officials, I find it disingenuous that the Democratic Party of Winnebago County turned a meeting with a handful of constituents into a media circus by circulating a graphic they made with my branding likeness without my permission.

I am always willing to sit down and discuss the legislative landscape of Wisconsin and how it affects the 55th Assembly District. I had a gentlemen who lives just outside my district talk to me at a listening session saying that he'd like to sit down with me and discuss issues affecting him and his children. I was more than willing to hear him out about his concerns. However, it has come to light that the Democratic Party of Winnebago County through the actions of the partisan group 'Hands off Medicaid, District 6' attempted to use this as a political ploy, notably District 6 is a reference to congressional districts assuming that I have the authority federally to address this issue. I am not the Congressman.

Given that this meeting has been entirely hijacked and has been falsely published as a listening session by a partisan political group, I will not be attending. I am always more than willing to have a conversation with constituents and always willing to hold listening sessions. I have held 6 listening sessions with a few more scheduled. I am always willing to listen to my constituents, I am however, unwillingly to deal with disingenuous actors. "