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Wisconsin's DOJ Infiltrated by Outside Interests on Kaul's Watch

Madison, WI... Senator Cory Tomczyk (R-Mosinee) released the following statement on the Senate Special Committee on Oversight of the Department of Justice final report:

“The Senate Special Committee on Oversight of the Department of Justice released its final report today finding that Attorney General Josh Kaul violated Wisconsin law by allowing out-of-state special interest groups to embed their own attorneys inside the Wisconsin DOJ and use the full power of the State against the very citizens he was elected to serve. This is not a gray area. This is a betrayal of public trust.

“These attorneys were not Wisconsin employees. They were salaried staff of the New York University State Energy and Environmental Impact Center, bankrolled by Bloomberg Philanthropies, and handed the authority of Assistant Attorneys General without a single vote of legislative approval. Wisconsin taxpayers had no idea this was happening, and Kaul made sure of it.

“Kaul admitted under oath that he never sought legislative approval to add these positions, as required by law, and his office violated Wis. Stat. 165.055 by failing to properly appoint these attorneys and allowing one to begin working before he was even licensed to practice law in this state. The top law enforcement officer in Wisconsin did not follow the law.

“These outside-funded attorneys were assigned to at least 35 cases against Wisconsin farmers and businesses, resulting in significant forfeitures, much of it for minor technical violations that were not even real environmental violations. Hard-working Wisconsin farmers were targeted by attorneys whose paychecks came from New York University funded by a billionaire.

“I did not come to Madison to watch Wisconsin become Illinois. I came to fight for the farmers, the small business owners, and the families who make this state unique. Josh Kaul's motives appear to have little to do with serving the people of Wisconsin and everything to do with advancing a radical outside agenda. When billionaire-funded activists in New York are dictating how Wisconsin law gets enforced, we have a serious problem.”

The full report is available upon request.

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