



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN

222 W. Washington Ave., Suite 150, Madison, WI, 53703 • www.wisdems.org
phone (608) 255-5172 • fax (608) 255-8919

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, January 27, 2006

CONTACT: Jessica Erickson, Communications Director, 608-260-2406
jessicae@wisdems.org

Democratic Party Chair Charges Adelman Indictment Nothing But Partisan Politics

MADISON – Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Joe Wineke released the following statement today:

“The indictment of a long-time civil servant in the Adelman travel case is nothing but partisan politics and a desperate attempt by Republicans to attack Governor Doyle during the campaign season. Led by a prosecutor with GOP ties, Republicans are doing their best to smear Governor Doyle, a man of utmost integrity and honesty who does not tolerate any ethical lapses in his Administration.

“From everything we have seen, there is not one single shred of evidence that any of the assertions in the indictment of Georgia Thompson are true.

“Here are the facts we do know:

- The Adelman contract process was overseen by a long-time career civil servant who was hired by the previous Republican Administration.
- The contract saved taxpayers \$30,000 and was awarded to the lowest bidder, a Wisconsin company.
- The company did not win three out of the four contracts it submitted bids for.

“Only a Republican prosecutor would indict a career civil servant for pursuing a better deal for taxpayers and for saving the state \$30,000. It’s clear that this investigation has become much more about partisan politics and tearing down Governor Doyle during an election season than about the facts. If you’re looking for facts to support the indictment, the last place you should look is the indictment itself.

“I’m disturbed by the way some in the media have handled this story. In recent days, we have seen the media report on speculation rather than fact, blindly repeat false assertions from Republican Party press releases in editorials, and quote anonymous bloggers as sources.”

“I understand that reporters have a job to do, but when members of the media begin reporting on their own speculations rather than the facts, they do a disservice to their readers and to public discourse. The people of Wisconsin deserve better.”

- 30 -