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Assembly Democrats Plan to Shine Light on Shady Politicians

Assembly Democrats prioritize restoring clean government after years of erosion under GOP

MADISON – Today, Assembly Democrats held a press conference to announce their first priority of this legislative session –to restore and enhance our clean government traditions. These foundational policies help create a government for the people, not powerful politicians, by embracing a nonpartisan redistricting process and crucial campaign finance reforms. Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) is proud to stand with the Democratic Assembly Caucus and champion these issues. She issued the following statement:

“Over the last 8 years, from gerrymandering, to rewriting campaign finance laws to benefit their donors, to tinkering with the open records law, Republican policymakers have shown absolute contempt for democracy and the people of this state. They have made it more difficult for our government to function, to thrive, and for the will of the people to be carried out,” said Rep. Taylor. “I have knocked on voters’ doors all over the state and in my own district. Overwhelmingly, Wisconsinites want the partisan attacks on our democracy to end. They want to see their leaders work together on issues that matter to them, starting with restoring the people’s power over our government that Republican leaders took for themselves.”

The Democratic plan also includes three critical amendments to the Wisconsin Constitution to protect the people’s control over their government. The amendments include restrictions on power hungry politicians’ ability to call a lame duck session to change any branch of government’s power between the final fall election results and the first of the year, as Republicans did at the end of last year. Other constitutional amendments include protecting our open meetings law and enshrining our open records law, both of which Republicans have previously tried to dilute and gut.

Rep. Taylor continued, “These constitutional amendments are crucial to ensuring Speaker Vos or any other corrupt leader cannot gut the vital laws that shine light on the functions of government. Transparency and accountability are the cornerstones to a government that works for the people instead of powerful politicians.”