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Another strike against an independent judiciary

MADISON – Today, the conservative wing of the Wisconsin Supreme Court rejected a rule change proposed by over 50 retired judges that would have created a bright line for recusal when campaign donors appear before the judges they helped elect. In response, Rep. Taylor (D-Madison) released the following statement:

“I am deeply disappointed, though not surprised, that the biggest beneficiaries of the influx of dark money into Wisconsin Supreme Court elections voted to keep the current, lax recusal standard. This decision further damages the public’s trust in Wisconsin’s highest court and jeopardizes the integrity of the entire institution. In light of the recent destruction of Wisconsin’s campaign finance laws, this is even more alarming, and opens the door wide to corruption and impropriety. The scales of justice have clearly tipped in favor of the wealthy special interests and against the public.”