



Senate Democrats

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Weekly Democratic radio address: Protecting our democracy

MADISON, WI – Senator Mark Miller (D-Monona) offered the weekly Democratic radio address today.

The audio file of this week’s address can be found here:

<http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen16/millerradio071918.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:

“Hello this is Senator Mark Miller with this week’s democratic radio address.

“The latest round of indictments against Russia by the Department of Justice reminds us how serious the Russian attacks on our country and our democracy have been.

“It is especially concerning that republicans in Wisconsin like Ron Johnson have not taken these attacks seriously. In fact, Senator Ron Johnson spent the 4th of July in Russia. He came home to say that ‘we’ve blown it way out of proportion’ and that it is difficult to meddle in our elections. That is, unfortunately, false. Not only have the Russians meddled in our election, primarily by spreading disinformation and hacking campaigns, Department of Justice is literally in the middle of telling us who, when and how.

“The right to vote, be informed, and have your vote counted is among the most precious to the American people. For Americans to have an unfriendly nation jeopardize that right is unacceptable and dangerous. President Trump said this week at his summit with Russian President Putin that both countries were at fault for the election meddling. President Trump, when asked, said he believes Putin over our own American Intelligence agencies. This is preposterous and deeply disturbing.

“The Russian hacks were successful. They will continue to commit these crimes as long as they continue to be successful. Instead of pretending that this isn’t happening, it is time for Republicans to join Democrats in taking these threats and attacks seriously. This is not a witch hunt. This is protecting our democracy.”

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