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Wisconsin GOP Spending Taxpayer Money Recklessly

Having long abandoned the “fiscally responsible” label that they long tried to curate, Wisconsin Republicans have dug deep into the pocketbooks of Wisconsinites to spend your money recklessly. They are doing so not to ensure justice or improve the lives of constituents. They are doing so to keep their grip on power.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos will spend \$680,000 dollars of taxpayer money to “investigate” the 2020 election in Wisconsin. Despite there already having been a recount in Milwaukee and Dane Counties and despite there being zero evidence thus far of any irregularities in the Wisconsin voting process, Wisconsin Republicans continue to dangerously peddle the “Big Lie” that the November 2020 election was rigged or fraudulent.

Republicans claim that they want to ensure we can trust in the integrity of elections in Wisconsin, but their very actions are undermining that goal and they are setting the stage to ignore the will of Wisconsin voters in future elections when their party does not win. They are doing it by raiding the pocketbooks of Wisconsin taxpayers.

A [June 2021 article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) details how Republicans have spent \$8.5 million dollars over just three years. Some of the expenditures include “challeng[ing] Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' COVID-19 response, interven[ing] in cases to prevent changes to election laws and to defend[ing] laws limiting the powers” of Governor-Elect Tony Evers and Attorney General-Elect Josh Kaul. Wisconsin Republicans continue to spend, spend, spend- simply because they cannot stand losing free and fair elections.

Wisconsin Republicans also dug deep in taxpayers’ pockets to pay private lawyers to defend their gerrymandered legislative district maps- yet another example of them turning to taxpayer money to keep control on legislative power. The decennial redistricting process looms once again, and instead of working with the governor and Democrats to create a bipartisan consensus on maps, they will surely create maps that are heavily skewed in their favor- ensuring another legal battle, where they will once again demand that taxpayers foot the bill.

Republicans in the legislature must end their freewheeling spending sprees. They view the taxpayers as a never-ending money source in which they can scoop out cash when they need to pay lawyers to defend their unpopular agenda. Yet, when Democrats and the Evers administration try to get money to increase school funding, or fix poisonous lead lines in the state, or ensure more people in Wisconsin are covered by health care, they balk. “Money for me, not for thee” seems to be the new Republican motto, and it’s leaving Wisconsinites high and dry.

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