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## **Jorgensen: Republican Attacks on Clean Campaigns and Government Threaten Democracy**

MADISON – Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair and State Representative Andy Jorgensen (D-Milton) is speaking out against rushed Republican proposals to rewrite Wisconsin campaign finance laws and dismantle the nonpartisan Government Accountability Board. The bills, which were only introduced late last week, were approved tonight in committee and will be considered on the floor already next Wednesday.

“I’m not surprised Republicans want to get their dirty work done and over with,” said Jorgensen. “These are the most corrupt bills I’ve ever seen move through the Legislature, and when people realize the changes they include, there will be outrage.”

Jorgensen notes that Assembly Bill 387 allows for unlimited corporate money in elections and anonymous spending of up to \$5,000 in any race, and will double individual contribution limits.

“In essence, any big business with big money to spend will be able to buy the Legislature of its dreams – and that should never be the case in a democracy,” said Jorgensen.

Assembly Bill 388 will dismantle the Government Accountability Board, the nonpartisan oversight agency for elections and ethics, replacing it with two politically-appointed commissions.

“There’s no limit to the Republicans’ thirst for control, as evidenced by their attack on the G.A.B.,” said Jorgensen. “They’re turning the state’s government watchdog into a partisan lapdog, and that’s bad news for the people of Wisconsin and for the future of our state.”

“The Legislature should be focused on helping people find jobs – jobs with family-supporting wages. We should be working to support our struggling schools and to fix our crumbling roads,” said Jorgensen. “Unfortunately, the only people this fall agenda serves are the people in power – and that’s corruption at its worst.”

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