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Wisconsin Republicans Override the Will of Wisconsin Voters

MADISON – Early this morning, legislative Republicans overrode the will of the Wisconsin electorate and passed a series of bills that disregard institutional checks and balances and drastically expand their own power. The wide-ranging bills give legislative Republicans the power to hire private attorneys to replace the democratically-elected Attorney General, give additional tax benefits to the wealthy, and hamstring the ability of executive agencies to effectively serve the people of Wisconsin.

“On Monday, the Wisconsin Elections Commission certified the results of the November 6th General Election,” said Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison). “Today, legislative Republicans nullified the results of that election and overrode Wisconsin voters. Never before in the history of our state has an Extraordinary Session been used to disregard the will of the voters and take away power from a newly elected Governor and Attorney General.”

“The people of Wisconsin spoke on November 6th – They want a government that works together and focuses on their priorities, not a government for Republican politicians,” continued Rep. Taylor. “Wisconsinites have suffered over the last eight years of Republican control, and want their roads fixed, expanded access to healthcare, and investments in their public schools – What Republicans did today makes it more difficult for our government to function, to thrive, and for the will of the people to be carried out.”