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Rep. Neubauer Statement on Speaker Vos' Political Games

Wisconsin deserves better than desperate attempts to maintain single-party rule

RACINE, WI – On Tuesday, Wisconsin voters elected Democrats to every statewide office, issuing a clear referendum on the state of Wisconsin government. On Wednesday, Speaker Vos disregarded the voters' voices and the separation of powers in our government, threatening to change the governor's powers in response to his party's loss. Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) issued the following statement in response:

“After eight years of single-party rule in Wisconsin, our citizens decided to elect Tony Evers and put a check on the legislature. But instead of moving forward and working together, Speaker Vos is moving to consolidate his own power,” Neubauer said.

“Here in Wisconsin, people value fairness and respect,” Neubauer said. “We may sometimes be disappointed in an election's outcome, but we respect the process and play by the rules. Yesterday, Speaker Vos demonstrated that he does not respect the process and will not play by the rules, nor will he respect the voters' voices.”

“Speaker Vos only values the rules as long as Republicans win, and when they don't win, he changes the rules,” she continued. “We have seen it in our gerrymandered districts, where despite winning over 250,000 more votes and every statewide race, the balance in the legislature remains essentially unchanged. We see it in sweeping changes to our campaign finance and open records laws and the total restructuring of our elections and ethics commissions. And now, Speaker Vos is threatening to change the governor's powers in response to his party's loss.”

“If Vos and the legislative Republicans truly value our democracy, they will respect the separation of powers. Wisconsin deserves nothing less,” Neubauer concluded.

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