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Rep. Anderson Seeks AG Kaul's Opinion on Open Meetings Laws Violations by Republicans

MADISON – Today, Rep. Anderson has delivered a letter to Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul seeking his office's opinion on potential violations of our open meetings laws committed by Republicans during the lame-duck session. Rep. Anderson has also released the following statement:

"It is my belief that Speaker Robin Vos and the Republican majority violated our open meetings laws by taking advantage of my disability and manipulating the process to exclude me from the lame-duck session. To determine whether this is true, I am requesting the opinion of the Wisconsin Attorney General's office."

"If Attorney General Kaul determines that a violation did occur, and that the violation infringed upon our state constitution, I am requesting that he take the next step and file a lawsuit against Speaker Vos and the Republican majority. If successful, not only would the entirety of the lame-duck session and the laws passed that day be nullified, but Attorney General Kaul could finally hold Speaker Vos and the Republican majority accountable for their unpopular and undemocratic actions."

"Most importantly, it would establish that the Wisconsin legislature must be inclusive to all individuals with disabilities and guarantee that all reasonable accommodations, both physical and logistical, must be made for those serving with special needs. This is about getting justice for the disabled and ensuring that future disabled legislators are given the respect and dignity they deserve."

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