

Wisc Democracy Campaign "Judges for Sale"

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Judges weigh in on Supreme Court recusal rules, judicial raises, ALEC bill to protect special interests, and GOP efforts to repeal state's mining moratorium.

MADISON - The corruption in the Wisconsin court system has gotten so bad that 54 former judges this week wrote the Wisconsin Supreme Court, urging the justices to change their permissive rule on recusal. Here's what they said:



[Dozens of retired judges ask Wisconsin Supreme Court for new campaign donor recusal rules](#)

Ironically, the major political players in Wisconsin's business community, having spent millions of dollars to elect conservative judges, now want you, the Wisconsin taxpayer, to give them a big raise. Talk about chutzpah! And remember, these bigwigs oppose raising the minimum wage for working people.

Here's what we wrote on this:

[Big money groups back pay raise for judges](#)

Wisconsin GOP lawmakers, in hoc to these same bigwigs, have just proposed a new bill that would make it even more difficult to regulate businesses in Wisconsin. This bill is – surprise, surprise! – modeled after one by the American Legislative Exchange Council:

GOP lawmakers offer ALEC bill to protect special interests from regulations

And Senator Tom Tiffany, one of big business's best friends in the legislature, is proposing a bill to lift the mining moratorium in Wisconsin:

GOP lawmaker wants to repeal state's mining moratorium

Those in power in Wisconsin are moving fast to reward their campaign contributors and impose their ideology, which says, "Everything private is good, and everything public is bad." And in Washington, Trump may do to the country what Walker has done to Wisconsin. (Walker has actually urged him to do exactly that!)

So for believers in democracy and clean government, like you and I, this is a trying time.

But I remain hopeful because I know history is not static, and I see so many good people, right here in Wisconsin, doing so much good work behind the scenes and in the streets.

Best,

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P.S. Tomorrow I'll be going to the Rally for Immigrant and Refugee Rights in Milwaukee, starting at 11:00 a.m. at 1027 S. 5th St. If you're near there, I hope you can make it.

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