



Special interests and the road funding plan, the Wisconsin Supreme Court copout on conflict-of-interest rules, the influence peddler of the month, and more...

MADISON - Sorry I haven't been in touch for a bit. Between the long July 4th weekend and my son coming home for my birthday (which was yesterday), I didn't get around to updating you on what we've been posting and on some exciting redistricting reform efforts under way.

So please let me catch you up.

On the budget transportation impasse, we noted the power of the trucking industry and the big business lobby:

[GOP leader tells special interests to cough up road funding plan](#)

Then, in a story that we broke here at the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, we reported on Supreme Court Justice Shirley Abrahamson's scorching response to the Court's written justification for not tightening its conflict-of-interest rules:

[Wisconsin Supreme Court buries recusal in "feeble" move](#)

And, as we do every month, we anointed another special interest group with our not-so-highly-coveted Influence Peddler of the Month Award. Here's who won it this month:

[Influence peddler of the month - Wisconsin Hospital Association](#)

On the gerrymandering issue, I have to say it's really getting hot. About a dozen counties, just this year, have [passed resolutions](#) urging the State Legislature to draw district maps in a nonpartisan manner. Contact us if you do not see your county on the [list](#)

And we got a record number of signatures on our [petition](#) for fair voting maps when we were tabling at the Farmers' Market in Madison for a couple hours on July 1. And attendance at #FairMaps events all over the state are high. We encourage you to

share and attend

an upcoming Fair Maps Town Hall convenient to you. A complete list can be found

[here](#)

Democracy Campaign 'Back in touch...Fair Maps Town Halls near you'

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- Wednesday, **July 12**, at 7:00 PM, at the **Germantown** Library, N112W16957 Mequon Road, **Germantown**. Paul Geenen, OFA_WI State Lead, is the speaker.

[Facebook event page here](#)

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- Sunday, **July 16**, at 4:30pm - 6pm, North Shore Presbyterian Church, 4048 N Bartlett Ave, **Shorewood**. The Democracy Campaign is a co-sponsor. [Share](#)

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- Wednesday, **July 26**, at 6:00 PM, at the Brewer Public Library, 325 N. Central Avenue, **Richland Center**

. Former Senators Dale Schultz and Tim Cullen are the speakers.

- Thursday, **July 27**, at 6:30 PM, at the Oriletti Center Lincoln Park, 6900 18th Avenue, **Kenosha**

. Sachin Chheda, Fair Elections Project, is the speaker.

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And there is legislation introduced by Sen. Dave Hansen and Rep. Don Vruwink ([SB13](#) / [AB44](#)) to enact nonpartisan legislative and congressional map-drawing here in Wisconsin. So please [call your legislators](#) at 1-800-362-9472 and urge them to pass this bill.

Thanks for your interest and your activism, as always.

Best,

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