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MADISON, Wis. — Yesterday, Derrick Van Orden and all 5 of his fellow Wisconsin Congressional Republicans voted to <u>protect serial liar George Santos</u> from accountability following his indictment on 13 federal criminal charges, including money laundering, wire fraud, and theft of public funds.

By voting to refer a privileged resolution expelling George Santos from Congress to the House Ethics Committee, Van Orden and his GOP colleagues have effectively shielded Santos from accountability, while avoiding taking an up-or-down vote themselves on whether Santos should remain in Congress.

"Derrick Van Orden voted to shield George Santos from accountability for his head-spinning web of lies and deceit," said **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Communications Director Joe Oslund**. "There's no place in Congress for money laundering or wire fraud, but Derrick Van Orden seems to disagree. Wisconsinites won't forget Derrick Van Orden's vote to enable a serial liar to continue serving in Congress."