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GOP Legislators in Madison continue their embarrassing history of degrading our democracy, says Assembly Democratic Leader.

MADISON – Republicans continued on Thursday their long-standing pattern of self-serving power grabs which undermine our democracy and democratic institutions.

Representative Anderson has privately asked for reasonable accommodations related to his disability since February. Since then, Representative Robin Vos has repeatedly denied these requests which would allow Rep. Anderson to continue serving his constituents.

This week, Republicans offered some accommodations for Rep. Anderson, but paired them with significant, unrelated items that tilted power toward the majority Republicans.

Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement on Vos' latest power grab:

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"The decision to not allow these basic accommodations without attaching an unrelated power grab is unnecessarily cruel, anti-democratic, and leaves a permanent stain on this legislature. Not every decision has to be political, but it is to Robin Vos. No single legislator has been more damaging to this institution and to our democracy," Rep. Hintz stated. "It's clear Republicans don't want us to debate the issues. They don't want to address the challenges facing our state. Instead, Republicans are solely focused on ways to consolidate their own power and stick it to Governor Evers."

"Apparently Republicans are not capable of the simple decency of accommodating their colleague without attaching rule changes that have literally nothing to do with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The fact that throughout this process none of Rep. Anderson's GOP colleagues reached out to him to offer even their minimal support tells you everything you need to know."