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**Subject:** Lame duck session

Don't you dare carry out your bonehead plans for the lame duck session.

I'm a registered Republican, though I'm proud of my long history of voting based on principles and policies, not parties. I have not missed an election in over 35 years, though I've never been actively involved in state-level races. (I did work for the first Herb Kohl senate campaign, but not the second.)

Are you trying to force me, my family, my friends, my business associates and my neighbors to BECOME active in Democratic (or at least anti-Republican) party politics in order to make certain that our votes mean something? Among those mentioned in the previous sentence that I've talked to about the lame duck proposals, some voted straight Republican ticket, some straight Democratic, and some split their votes, but NOT A SINGLE ONE has expressed support to me for these anti-democratic proposals.

If you want to see why the Democratic party had overwhelming success in the November election, look in the mirror. Would you be supporting these proposals if Scot Walker had retained the governorship? The answer is a clear no, and everyone, regardless of party affiliation, knows that.

Unless you want to risk losing the support of people like me, my family, friends and associates for a generation or more, stop acting in a blatantly self-interested manner and start doing your job: running this state in the best interests of about 4 million residents, not in the best interests of a dozen or two Republican legislators – and their chief election donors.

I'm 66. Do the right thing this week or you're likely to lose my support for the rest of my life. Is that worth the limited benefits you seek? Benefits which might well be reversed by federal courts in a bitter (and very expensive for Wisconsin taxpayers) legal battle.

Don't be stupid. Do what's right.