

Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2018 7:28 AM

Subject: Please stand up for democracy

Dear

As a constituent who has supported you in the past and stood up for you in the face of criticism, I am urging you to accept the will of the people and reject the power-grabbing legislation that is being proposed. Put your people before your political party. Don't support the politically expedient hypocrisy of claiming to care about health coverage with a pre-existing coverage protection even as legislation would require our state to continue litigation *against* the ACA. Don't support efforts to limit voting rights. Don't support efforts to strip democratically elected officials of their powers. Don't jam legislation through without giving your constituents a chance to digest it. Don't sully your reputation in this way.

Mitch McConnell's claims to represent the "will of the people", as he refused to hold hearings on Obama's Supreme Court nominee, come to mind. Does the will of Wisconsin's people matter to the GOP now?

One of your staffers chastised me yesterday morning for suggesting the people have spoken here in Wisconsin, because, he said, "Evers isn't governor until January." He also barked at me, "we don't trust Evers, do you??" I've never had one of your staffers be so rude to me. It saddened me because I imagine he was under a lot of stress. I felt offended at first, but then I felt more terrible for him. Maybe he was struggling to deal with the honest passion voters feel about being ignored. Maybe he just felt bad about selling a weak line to voters he still cares about. I don't know. He couldn't have felt good about himself or me after our conversation — I know I didn't — and that's a first for me and your office.

I know that you and your staff have always cared about your constituents, no matter what side of the aisle we're on. Please act according to that - set aside party politics and the need for power, and respect voters. All of us. I feel so passionately about this. We have to step back from the brink and let democracy survive and thrive, even if it disagrees with us.

Please take the time to read the following op ed. It lays out in clear terms the basic problems with the legislation being proposed:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/wisconsin-republicans-are-trying-to-subvert-the-will-of-the-voters-theyre-part-of-a-larger-trend/2018/12/03/cf20dbd0-f72c-11e8-8d64-4e79db33382f_story.html

Thank you for your service to our state and for your support of your constituents.

Sincerely,