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MADISON - You might have thought I was being a bit on the hysterical side last week when I wrote to you about the risk of Donald Trump imposing martial law. But there he was this week tweeting about postponing the election!

Fortunately, this move backfired, as he was met with near universal condemnation, including from Republican elected officials (even in Wisconsin!).

We at the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign signed on to a letter denouncing this reckless move, which you can read [here](#).

Meanwhile, this week we kept doing what we do, day in and day out: Exposing money in Wisconsin politics.



Before I came to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, I didn't even know what Legislative Campaign Committees are. But I soon found out: They're the treasure chests that the Speaker, the Senate Majority Leader, and the two minority leaders have at their disposal for elections.

This year, these campaign committees raised record amounts, with the Republicans way ahead, as you'll see here:

[Legislative Fundraising Committees Raise Record Cash](#)

In a related post, we discussed another record that was broken: fundraising by all the legislative candidates. Speaker Vos, for his personal campaign, led the way with \$355,000 on hand. Add that to the \$2,371,000 he controls as head of the Republican Assembly Campaign Committee, and you can see why he's so powerful. You can find all the details here:

[Legislative Donors Undaunted by Pandemic](#)

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And here's some good news! The Marathon County Board this week [passed a resolution](#) in favor of independent, nonpartisan redistricting. That makes 52 counties out of the 72 in Wisconsin that have passed board resolutions to ban gerrymandering. Also this week, the Bayfield County Board voted to let the citizenry weigh in on this issue on November 3 with an advisory referendum. That makes 10 county referendums coming up: Adams, Bayfield, Brown, Crawford, Door, Dunn, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, and Rusk.

Thanks to all the amazing grassroots activists who are making this happen!

I hope you have a nice weekend.

Best,

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