

# Wisconsin Politicians Pushing For Bogus Election Audits Also Peddled The “Big Lie,” Are Connected To Extremist Groups, And Had Histories Of Anti-Vaccine Rhetoric – Yet Received Corporate Contributions

**SUMMARY:** Legislators in Wisconsin have been pushing for an “audit” of the 2020 election results in the state, citing the need for a forensic “audit” of ballots in the 2020 election. This included a [delegation of legislators traveling to Maricopa County, AZ](#), for the purposes of examining what one such effort could look like in Wisconsin.

In line with the Big Lie narrative about the 2020 election, legislators connected to the audit push had their own histories of pushing conspiracies, connections to extremist groups, anti-vaccine rhetoric, and more:

- Leading the charge on an audit has been **State Representative Janel Brandtjen**. Republicans in the State Assembly put Brandtjen in charge of the Campaigns and Elections Committee, utilizing an existing legislative committee to sow doubt in the 2020 election, after she had previously said there was “no doubt” that “Donald Trump won this election in Wisconsin.” Brandtjen has blamed voting nonprofits for nefarious schemes in the state. Following the events at the Capitol in DC on January 6, Brandtjen criticized police actions, particularly in the death of Ashli Babbitt, who Brandtjen characterized as an “unarmed veteran.” Brandtjen has previously received financial contributions from companies such as Walmart.
- **State Representative Dave Murphy** visited the Maricopa audit site, and even defended stories of investigations for bamboo on ballots to detect Chinese interference. Murphy had claimed the 2020 election “violated Wisconsin law,” and alleged “poorly trained election officials” in “big city” polling places of intimidating poll watcher. As representative-elect in 2012, Murphy expressed support for jailing federal officials who try to enforce the Affordable Care Act in Wisconsin. More recently, he has downplayed the seriousness of COVID-19 in the state while attacking “discrimination based on the use of a COVID-19 vaccine.”
- **State Representative Chuck Wichgers** joined the Maricopa tour, after he signed a letter to then-Vice President Mike Pence on January 5, 2021 calling for the delay of the certification of the electoral vote. The letter claimed “hundreds of thousands of ballots” in the 2020 election had their validity in question. Wichgers has an anti-vax history as a state legislator: before COVID-19 hit, and amidst an increasing number of Wisconsin objections to getting children vaccinated, Wichgers was credited by both Republicans and Democrats as holding up hearings on potentially tightening Wisconsin’s loose vaccine exemption laws. During COVID, Wichgers signed onto a court effort against the mask mandate, and attended an indoor event with mask-less attendees. Wichgers was also connected to anti-choice extremist group Abolish Abortion Wisconsin, promoting one of their events in 2018; AAW’s founder had expressed support for violence, including murder, to end abortion.

## Four Wisconsin Republican Lawmakers Toured The Site Of The Maricopa County, AZ “Audit” Of The 2020 Election, With The Lead Of The Delegation Saying It Could Present Good Ideas For Wisconsin

**June 2021: Authorized By Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, Four Wisconsin Lawmakers Toured The Site Of The Maricopa County, Arizona “Audit” Of The 2020 Election.** “Four Wisconsin lawmakers toured the site of a controversial audit of Arizona ballots on Saturday alongside Eric Greitens, the former Missouri

governor who stepped down three years ago after admitting to an affair and facing a blackmail allegation. [...] Rep. Janel Brandtjen of Menomonee Falls led the Wisconsin delegation to Phoenix. Brandtjen is the chairwoman of the Assembly Elections Committee, which is helping oversee the review of Wisconsin's election. [...] Assembly Speaker Robin Vos of Rochester sanctioned the Wisconsin delegation's trip." [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, [6/12/21](#)]

**Delegation Leader Janel Brandtjen Said She Was Impressed With What She Saw While Observing Maricopa County's Audit Of The 2020 Election, Saying There Were Ideas "Wisconsin Could Borrow If There's Ever A Ballot Review Here."** "The head of the Wisconsin Assembly's election integrity hearings says she's impressed with what she saw during Arizona's audit of the 2020 presidential election. Rep. Janel Brandtjen, R-Menomonee Falls, told The Center Square she saw a lot and learned a lot while in Phoenix over the weekend. Some of the things, she said, Wisconsin could borrow if there's ever a ballot review here. 'Remember Wisconsin currently has an audit going,' Brandtjen said." [The Center Square, [6/15/21](#)]

**Wisconsin State Representative Janel Brandtjen – Who Has Received Contributions From Walmart – Led Wisconsin Delegation On Tour Of Bogus Maricopa County Audit Of The 2020 Election, Pushed Big Lie Conspiracies, And Criticized Police Actions During The January 6 Riot**

**Janel Brandtjen**



**POLITICAL OFFICE**

Wisconsin State Assembly, District 22 – Menomonee Falls  
(January 2015 – Present)

**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

Ran advertising agency in Menomonee Falls

**ACADEMIC HISTORY**

UW-Milwaukee - B.S. Finance, Marketing

[Wisconsin State Legislature – Janel Brandtjen, accessed [8/12/21](#)]

- State Representative Janel Brandtjen has used her position to cast doubt in the integrity of elections in Wisconsin and pushed Trump's efforts to push the Big Lie and downplay the insurrection. Wisconsin Assembly Republicans created the Campaigns and Elections Committee to sow doubt in the 2020 election, with Brandtjen leading the charge. She also joined a group of Wisconsin Republicans who visited the bogus "audit" in Maricopa County, Arizona that was driven by Trump supporters in an attempt to sow doubt in the election.
- Brandtjen downplayed that the visit was to try and prove Donald Trump really won the election, saying it instead related to election process questions. But in the immediate aftermath of the 2020 election, Brandtjen pushed the Big Lie, saying there was "no doubt" that "Donald Trump won this election in Wisconsin," and that "several methods of fraud were used to change the outcome."

Brandtjen has insinuated the voting nonprofit Center for Tech and Civic Life, which made some grants for election purposes in the state of Wisconsin, had been nefariously involved in manipulating the election process. This followed the Wisconsin Elections Commission dismissing the concerns in the immediate aftermath of the election, and a federal court allowing the grant money to go through. In May 2021, she 'uncovered' emails and implied ballot chain of custody issues on Twitter; retweeted a local radio host that implied the nonprofit had "manipulate[d] election processes on behalf of Joe Biden;" and linked a local blog, with no byline, which linked the Center for Tech and Civic Life to billionaire Mark Zuckerberg.

- Brandtjen criticized DC police actions during the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection, saying Ashli Babbitt, who was fatally shot, was an "unarmed veteran" who was "trying to climb through a window."

## **Wisconsin State Representative Janel Brandtjen, Chair Of The Assembly Campaigns And Elections Committee, Joined State Republican Lawmakers In Arizona To 'Tour' The Bogus Audit Of The 2020 Results**

**Janel Brandtjen Chaired The Assembly Campaigns And Elections Committee.** "Rep. Janel Brandtjen (R-Menomonee Falls), who chairs the Assembly Campaign and Elections Committee, announced Monday she has decided to 'initiate a more intensive investigation' of possible election fraud." [Wisconsin Examiner, [7/27/21](#)]

**March 2021: Wisconsin Assembly Republicans Authorized The Campaigns And Elections Committee To Investigate How Elections Had Been Administered Over The Past Two Years, Giving Them Authority To Subpoena Witnesses And Documents.** "Assembly Republicans voted Tuesday to direct a Wisconsin committee to investigate how elections have been administered over the last two years, paving the way for lawmakers to ramp up the scrutiny of the state's 2020 presidential contests. While the Campaigns and Elections Committee had already been holding hearings surrounding the conduct of the November 2020 election, the resolution's approval this week lays the groundwork for allowing the panel to subpoena witnesses or documents going forward." [The Capital Times, [3/23/21](#)]

**Representative Brandtjen Led Hearings Into The Mechanics Of The 2020 Election.** "Brandtjen has been leading hearings at the State Capitol in Madison since January into the mechanics of last year's elections. 'We'll be having more hearings about getting to the bottom of all of this information. This has been a slow process,' Brandtjen explained. 'People are going to have to decide, do you want fast or do you want accurate.' Brandtjen's Assembly committee is just part of the review into Wisconsin's elections from last year. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos last month hired former police investigators to lead a separate investigation into claims of voter fraud or malfeasance. Vos' investigation has only just begun." [The Center Square, [6/15/21](#)]

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**Brandtjen Has Endorsed The Concept Donald Trump Won The Election In Wisconsin – While Later Downplaying The Idea This Was Connected To Voter Audit Efforts – And Has Insinuated A Nonprofit Was Involved In Wisconsin's 2020 Voting Efforts Despite Dismissal Of Concerns From The State Elections Commission And A Federal Court**

*Brandtjen Endorsed The Concept Donald Trump Won The 2020 Election And Has Implied Voter Fraud Took Place In The State – But Said Her Visit To Maricopa County Was Not About Proving Trump Won*

**June 2021: Visiting Maricopa County, Brandtjen Denied The Republican Group Was There To Prove Trump Really Won The Election, But Cited “Concerns” In Milwaukee And Green Bay, And Spending From Advocacy Group Center For Tech And Civic Life.** “Brandtjen said no one was there to try and prove Donald Trump really won the 2020 election. Instead, she said the group went to see how Arizona was handling questionable ballots and questions about the election process. ‘The reason we went is because of the kinds of concerns in Milwaukee and Green Bay, about Center for Tech and Civic Life money,’ Brandtjen explained. ‘[They] were using third party money to advertise through a government agency. We had stuff that, honestly, shouldn’t be a part of the 2022 election.’” [The Center Square, [6/15/21](#)]

**December 8, 2020: Brandtjen Said “There Is No Doubt” That, After The Affidavits And Lawsuit, “Donald Trump Won This Election In Wisconsin And Several Methods Of Fraud Were Used To Change The Outcome.”** “I spent some time at the Milwaukee recount and had contact with many of the amazing volunteers who want to keep our elections fair and transparent; something the Milwaukee recount had very little of. There is no doubt that after the filed affidavits and lawsuit, Donald Trump won this election in Wisconsin and several methods of fraud were used to change the outcome.” [Representative Janel Brandtjen, [12/8/20](#)]

**Brandtjen Responded To A Tweet Asking What She Was Doing To “End Voter Fraud In Wisconsin” By Saying The Legislature Had “Gotten Over 15,000 Documents,” And Providing A Link.** “We’ve gotten over 15,000 documents, and you can have access to what we’ve found at [link].”



[Twitter - @RepJanel, [3/25/21](#)]

*Brandtjen Has Continued To Insinuate That Voting Nonprofits Were Involved In Wisconsin’s 2020 Election, Despite Concerns Of Nefarious Involvement Being Dismissed By Both The Elections Commission And A Federal Court*

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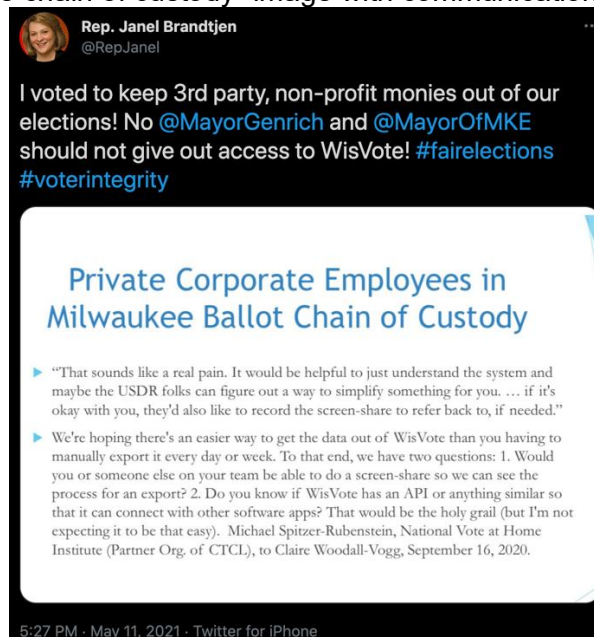


[Twitter - @RepJanel, [3/25/21](#)]

- **The Link Led To Reporting And Emails Attained Involving The Center For Tech And Civic Life, Which Distributed Grants In Wisconsin To Assist With Election Expenses.** [Wisconsin Assembly - Representative Janel Brandtjen, accessed [6/22/21](#)]

**Per The Article Linked On Brandtjen’s Website, The Wisconsin Elections Commission Found The Concerns At Green Bay’s Election Procedure Were Unfounded, And That A Federal Court Allowed The Grant Money To Be Used.** “Brown County Clerk Sandy Juno raised concerns about the presence of an outside organization at Green Bay’s election night count – but the Wisconsin Elections Commission’s said the city didn’t do anything prohibited. In the months leading up to the election, a group called the Center for Tech and Civic Life distributed grants to multiple cities in the state to assist with election expenses and administration, including more than \$1 million to Green Bay. A federal lawsuit was filed challenging the grants, but a federal judge denied a request to stop municipalities from using the money.” [Fox 11 News, [11/12/20](#)]

**May 2021: Brandtjen Called For “3<sup>rd</sup> Party, Non-Profit Monies” To Be Kept Out Of Wisconsin Politics, Citing Fair Elections And Including A Screenshot Implying Issues With Milwaukee’s Chain Of Custody.** “I voted to keep 3rd party, non-profit monies out of our elections! No @MayorGenrich and @MayorOfMKE should not give out access to WisVote! #fairelections #voterintegrity” The tweet included an unsourced “private corporate employees in Milwaukee chain of custody” image with communications to WisVote.



[Twitter - @RepJanel, [5/11/21](#)]

**May 26, 2021: On Her Personal Account, Brandtjen Retweeted Wisconsin Radio Host Vicki McKenna, Who Accused Madison, WI, Of Using “Private, Corporate #DarkMoney To Manipulate Election Processes On Behalf Of Joe Biden.” “Madison part of 5-city team that used private, corporate #DarkMoney to manipulate election processes on behalf of Joe Biden.”**



[Twitter - @JanelBrandtjen via @VickiMcKenna, [5/26/21](#)]

**Brandtjen Posted About “More Interference In Your Elections From Supposed Non Profits, This Time The Socialist,” Linking To An Article That Tied The Center For Tech And Civic Life To Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. “More interference in your elections from “supposed” non profits, this time the socialist.”**



[Facebook – Representative Janel Brandtjen, [5/20/21](#)]

**The “Wisconsin Spotlight” Article, Not Attributed To Any Author, Discussed “Zuckerberg-Funded Network Of Liberal Election Activists” And Connected Back To Center For Tech And Civic Life. “Democratic operative in the Zuckerberg-funded network of liberal election activists connected Wauwatosa to a leader of Milwaukee’s far left Voces de la Frontera to hire poll workers for November’s election, new emails**

obtained by Wisconsin Spotlight show. Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein, who served as Wisconsin lead for the National Vote at Home Institute, emailed Wauwatosa’s interim city clerk Cindi Dulaney on Sept. 11. As he did elsewhere, Spitzer-Rubenstein used a publicized opportunity to connect. ‘I saw in the Journal Sentinel that you need 50 poll workers. Is that right? I can put out the call to our partners at Power the Polls,’ Spitzer-Rubenstein wrote. Power to the Polls was established nationally in June 2020 to recruit poll workers ‘to ensure a safe, fair (presidential) election for all voters’ during the pandemic. It is one of the Chicago-based Center for Tech and Civic Life partners in a network of left-leaning voting organizations.” [Wisconsin Spotlight, [5/20/21](#)]

**Brandtjen Criticized Police Shooting Of Ashli Babbitt At The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection, Who Brandtjen Called An “Unarmed Veteran” Who Was “Trying To Climb Through A Window”**

**Brandtjen Criticized The Police Shooting Of Ashli Babbitt During The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection, Characterizing Her As An “Unarmed Veteran” Who Was “Trying To Climb Through A Window.”** “The Capitol police shot Ashli Babbitt, an unarmed veteran and pro-Trump activist who was trying to climb through a window.” Brandtjen shared a Spectator article: “The Capitol ‘armed insurrection’ narrative is crumbling” [Facebook – Representative Janel Brandtjen, [5/24/21](#)]

**The Top 10 PACs And Trade Associations That Contributed To Janel Brandtjen Gave Her Over \$12,000 – Including \$1,500 From Walmart**

Contributors	Total Contributions To Brandtjen
Wisconsin Realtors Association	\$3,500
Milwaukee Police Association	\$1,750
Walmart	\$1,500
American Federation for Children	\$1,500
Rebecca PAC	\$1,000
Wisconsin Institute of CPAs	\$700
Associated Builders & Contractors of Wisconsin	\$600
Forest County Potawatomi	\$500
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance	\$500
Tavern League of Wisconsin	\$500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,050</b>

[Follow the Money – “Janel Brandtjen,” accessed [8/3/21](#)]

**Wisconsin State Representative David Murphy – Who Has Received Contributions From Walmart - Pushed Big Lie Conspiracies That The 2020 Election Was Improper And Downplayed COVID-19**

**David Murphy**



### **POLITICAL OFFICE**

Wisconsin State Assembly, District 56 – Winnebago County / Outagamie County (January 2013 – Present)

### **PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

Owner, “Inches-A-Weigh” fitness center  
Agri-business owner

### **ACADEMIC HISTORY**

University of Wisconsin – Fox Valley  
Wisconsin School of Real Estate

[Wisconsin State Legislature – Chuck Wichgers, accessed [8/12/21](#)]

- State Representative Dave Murphy worked to help convince the Wisconsin assembly speaker to allow a handful of Republicans, including Murphy, to visit the vote auditing site in Maricopa County, Arizona. Following the visit, Murphy defended the integrity of the Arizona audit – including the investigation of ballots for bamboo fibers to indicate purported Asian interference – and called for similar audit efforts in Wisconsin.
- In the aftermath of the 2020 election, Murphy said he had been convinced that “the election as a whole violated Wisconsin law” and that the certification of results was improper. Murphy specifically alleged “big city polling places” with “poorly trained election officials” had bullied election observers. Murphy would later propose ‘reforms’ that expanded election observer rights and would give an outside authority power over Milwaukee’s elections.
- In 2012, as Assemblyman-elect, David Murphy expressed support for jailing federal officials who attempted to implement the Affordable Care Act in the state of Wisconsin. He had filled out a questionnaire from the local Wisconsin group “Campaign for Liberty,” operating from the assumption the law was unconstitutional. The Wisconsin State Journal referred to the question as “silly” and said lawmakers who supported the idea “should be embarrassed.”
- In mid-March 2020, Murphy downplayed the risk from COVID-19, saying the “chance of contracting coronavirus COVID-19 in Wisconsin is low.” More recently, Murphy has expressed support for preventing “discrimination based on the use of a COVID-19 vaccine,” saying that while he was pro-vaccine, he was also “pro-freedom.”

**Wisconsin State Representative David Murphy Joined State Republican Lawmakers In Arizona To ‘Tour’ Their Audit Of The 2020 Results, Called Skepticism Of The Audit Efforts In Arizona Foolish, And Defended Auditors Investigating For Bamboo Fibers On Ballots**



**Wisconsin State Representative Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) Said He Had Worked With Colleagues To Convince The Assembly Speaker To Allow Them To Visit Maricopa County In Arizona, Conducting A Review Of Ballots In The 2020 Election.** “Wisconsin Republican who observed a ballot audit in Arizona over the weekend said the state Assembly’s top leader was foolish for being skeptical of what’s happening there. Rep. Dave Murphy of Greenville said Monday on WTAQ-FM’s ‘The Regular Joe Show’ that he and his colleagues had to persuade Assembly Speaker Robin Vos of Rochester to let them check out the review of 2.1 million ballots in Maricopa County. [...] ‘We had to do a lot of convincing to get the approval from the speaker to go on the trip,’ Murphy said.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [6/15/21](#)]

**Murphy Called Skepticism Of The Forsenic Audit From Assembly Leader Robin Vos “Foolish.”** “A Wisconsin Republican who observed a ballot audit in Arizona over the weekend said the state Assembly’s top leader was foolish for being skeptical of what’s happening there. [...] ‘Where Robin Vos has seen enough fake news about himself that he would read reports on this operation and then just take them as fact was I think very foolish on his part,’ Murphy said. ‘I think he should have been able to see that this was just fake news coming out of Arizona.’” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [6/15/21](#)]

**Murphy Defended The Maricopa Audit Investigating Ballots For Bamboo Fibers, Portraying It As A “Nonissue” And Part Of The Larger Review Of Ballots.** “The ballot examination was approved by the Republican-run Arizona Senate but has faced criticism from members of both parties because it is being conducted by a group that has no history of analyzing ballots. Part of the effort has included checking whether ballots include bamboo fibers to try to confirm an unfounded claim that ballots were smuggled from Asia to Arizona. ‘We had to do a lot of convincing to get the approval from the speaker to go on the trip,’ Murphy said. ‘He made fun a little bit of the whole bamboo ballot issue, which I think that at the end of the day was really a nonissue and is just what’s being used by the other side to discredit this kind of thing.’ Murphy said the checks for bamboo were part of a broader review of ballots.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [6/15/21](#)]

**Murphy Joined State Representative Janel Brandtjen In Calling For An Arizona-Style Ballot Review In Wisconsin.** “Two Assembly Republicans who traveled to Arizona to witness the partisan audit of the 2020 election told WisPolitics.com they’d like to see a similar review of Wisconsin’s presidential results as part of an ongoing Legislative Audit Bureau review. [...] Rep. Janel Brandtjen, R-Menomonee Falls and chair of the Campaigns and Elections Committee, said she’s not sure the Legislative Audit Bureau has the authority to conduct such a review. But Brandtjen argued such a review was warranted considering the amount of private money that went into some of the state’s largest communities to help cover the costs of putting on the elections during a pandemic. [...] Murphy also said Wisconsin should look at a similar audit.” [WisPolitics, [6/15/21](#)]

## **In The Aftermath Of The 2020 Election, Murphy Called To Halt Wisconsin’s Electors From Convening, Argued “Big City Polling Places” Had Bullied Election Observers, And Called For A “Full Audit” Back In December 2020**

**December 2020: Murphy Claimed The Election In The State Of Wisconsin Was In Violation Of State Law And That Presidential Electors Were Improperly Certified, Calling For The Decertification Of The Slate Of Presidential Electors “Until A Full Audit Can Be Completed.”** “The testimony provided to the legislature today raises significant concerns about the reliability of elections in our state. [...] The impropriety exercised in this election was demonstrated as so widespread, that I feel the election as a whole violated Wisconsin law. ‘My oath requires that I uphold the laws of our state and nation. We received clear and credible evidence today that the presidential electors were improperly certified by the Wisconsin Elections Commission and governor. As a member of the Wisconsin Legislature, I believe it’s appropriate to exercise our constitutional authority to decertify the slate of presidential electors or delay their convening until a full audit can be completed.’” [Facebook - Wisconsin State Representative Dave Murphy, [12/11/20](#)]

- **Representative Murphy Signed Onto A Legislative Letter Contesting The Seating Of Wisconsin’s Presidential Electors Due To Questions About The Validity Of The 2020 Election.** [Facebook - Wisconsin State Representative Shae Sortwell, [12/14/20](#)]

**December 2020: Murphy Claimed “Big City Polling Places” With “Poorly Trained Election Officials” Had Bullied And Intimidated Election Observers, And Accused The Wisconsin Election Commission Of Breaking State Law.** “The testimony provided to the legislature today raises significant concerns about the reliability of elections in our state. I am appalled by big city polling places staffed by poorly trained election officials who bullied, intimidated, and obstructed election observers. Wisconsin Election Commission bureaucrats broke state law by not following proper procedures.” [Facebook - Wisconsin State Representative Dave Murphy, [12/11/20](#)]

**On Election ‘Reforms,’ Murphy Called For Earlier Absentee Ballot Counting, Expanding Rights For Election Observers, Giving An Outside Authority Power Over Milwaukee Elections, And Electronic Voting Machine Guidelines.** “So far, these are the areas that I feel need to be addressed by the legislature as soon as possible: [\*] The rules for absentee early voting need to be tightened up and uniformly enforced. [\*] Absentee ballot counting should begin before Election Day, to allow accurate results the night of the election. [\*] The rights and powers of election observers need to be strengthened, to protect them from election officials who would otherwise bully them or conceal elections processes from them. [\*] An outside authority should be given the power to oversee Milwaukee elections to ensure all appropriate laws and procedures are followed the same way they are across the rest of Wisconsin. [\*] Strict guidelines for electronic voting machines need to be established to prevent any manipulation.” [Representative Dave Murphy, [12/21/20](#)]

### **As Assemblyman-Elect, David Murphy Expressed Support For Jailing Federal Officials Who Tried To Implement The Affordable Care Act In Wisconsin, On The Grounds That The Law Was Unconstitutional – Despite The Supreme Court Ruling To Uphold The Law**

**June 2012: The Supreme Court Held That The Affordable Care Act Was Constitutional And Not In Violation Of The Commerce Clause.** “The Supreme Court ruled today that the 2010 Affordable Care Act is constitutional — giving the Obama administration a big election year win over conservative critics who argue that the health care overhaul is a step on the way toward socialized medicine. [...] In a 5-4 decision that was unusual because conservative Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court's four liberals and became the deciding vote, the justices ruled that the so-called individual mandate is a tax that Congress can impose on Americans. That undercut the challenge to that provision's constitutionality for allegedly violating the Commerce Clause.” [NPR, [6/28/12](#)]

**November 2012: Entering Office, Murphy Expressed Support For Jailing Federal Officials Who Try To Implement The Affordable Care Act In The State Of Wisconsin.** “As Gov. Scott Walker contemplates whether to create a state health care exchange under Obamacare, he will have to contend in the coming legislative session with nine lawmakers who have said they back a bill to arrest any federal officials who try to implement the health care law. [...] Rep. Chris Kapenga (RDelafield) is one of the nine from Wisconsin who told the Campaign for Liberty he would back legislation to declare Obamacare illegal and allow police to arrest federal officials who take steps to implement it in Wisconsin. He said he believes the health care law is unconstitutional, despite the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that it passes constitutional muster. [...] In addition to Kapenga, those listed as supporting the Campaign for Liberty's positions are [...] Dave Murphy of Greenville.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel via Archive.org, [11/14/12](#)]

**Campaign For Liberty Questionnaire: “Will You Support Legislation To Nullify Obamacare And Authorize State And Local Law Enforcement To Arrest Federal Officials Attempting To Implement The Unconstitutional Health Care Scheme Known As Obamacare?”** [Campaign For Liberty, accessed [7/7/21](#)]

**Wisconsin State Journal Editorial Argued Murphy, Along With Eight Other Assembly Members Who Replied To Positively To The Campaign For Liberty Questionnaire, “Should Be Embarrassed.”** “The nine state lawmakers who played along with the Campaign for Liberty's wild suggestion should be embarrassed. They are: Sen. Mary Lazich of New Berlin and Reps. Mark Born of Beaver Dam, Rob Hutton of Brookfield, Chris Kapenga of Delafield, Scott Krug of Wisconsin Rapids, Tom Larson of Colfax, Dave Murphy of Greenville, Don Pridemore of Hartford, Erik Severson of Star Prairie.” [Wisconsin State Journal, [11/16/12](#)]

- **Wisconsin State Journal HEADLINE: “The Tea Party Risks Irrelevance.”** [Wisconsin State Journal, [11/16/12](#)]

**Early In the Pandemic, Murphy Portrayed COVID-19 As Having A Low Chance Of Infecting People In Wisconsin, And More Recently Has Called For Prevention Of “Discrimination Based On The Use Of A COVID-19 Vaccine”**

**March 13, 2020: Representative Murphy Argued “The Chance Of Contracting Coronavirus COVID-19 In Wisconsin Is Low.”** “The risk of contracting coronavirus COVID-19 in Wisconsin is low. That being said, the State of Wisconsin, local officials, and individuals are stepping up to ensure the spread of the virus progresses as slowly as possible.” [Representative Dave Murphy, [3/13/20](#)]

**Murphy Expressed Support For Preventing “Discrimination Based On The Use Of A COVID-19 Vaccine,” Saying That While He Was “Pro-Vaccine,” He Was Also “Pro-Freedom.”** “On Wednesday, we held a public hearing on five bills that would preserve your freedom to make your own health care decisions and prevent discrimination based on the use of a COVID-19 vaccine. I support these bills because, while I am pro-vaccine, I’m pro-freedom.” [Facebook – Wisconsin State Representative Dave Murphy, [6/7/21](#)]

**The Top 10 PACs And Trade Associations That Contributed To Dave Murphy Gave Him \$12,600, Included Walmart**

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Total Contributions To Murphy</b>
Wisconsin Realtors Association	\$3,000
Associated Builders & Contractors of Wisconsin	\$2,100
LKQ Corp	\$1,500
Wisconsin Credit Union League	\$1,250
Walmart	\$1,000
Alliant Energy	\$750
Wisconsin State Council of Carpenters	\$750
Wisconsin Corn Growers Association	\$750
Independent Insurance Agents of Wisconsin	\$750
Aggregate Producers of Wisconsin	\$750
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,600</b>

[Follow the Money – “David Murphy,” accessed [8/3/21](#)]

**Wisconsin State Representative Chuck Wichgers – Who Has Received Contributions From Humana - Spread Big Lie Conspiracies About The 2020 Election By Calling For Electoral Vote Certification Delay, Has Expressed Anti-Vaccination Sympathies, Was Connected To Extremist Anti-Choice Group**

<b>Chuck C. Wichgers</b>	
	<p><b>POLITICAL OFFICE</b></p> <p>Wisconsin State Assembly, District 83 – Muskego – January 2017-Present            Muskego City Alderman, 1999-2002            Waukesha County Board of Supervisors, 1999-2002</p>



## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

### ACADEMIC HISTORY

Waukesha County Technical College  
Muskego High School, '83

[Wisconsin State Legislature – Chuck Wichgers,  
accessed [8/12/21](#)]

- State Representative Chuck Wichgers has used his position to cast doubt in the integrity of elections in Wisconsin and supported Trump's efforts to push the Big Lie. Wichgers signed onto a letter calling on Vice President Pence to delay electoral certification, allowing state legislatures time to reconsider certification of their votes. This was based on Big Lie allegations that "hundreds of thousands of ballots" in the election had questionably validity, earning Wichgers the distinction as a member of the "Sedition Caucus" by the Madison Capitol Times. More recently, Wichgers joined a group of Wisconsin Republicans who visited the bogus "audit" in Maricopa County, Arizona that is driven by Trump supporters in an attempt to sow doubt in the election.
- Representative Wichgers has expressed anti-vaccination sympathies dating back to 2019 and more recently expressed during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2019, Wisconsin experienced an increase in the amount of parents who opted out of state vaccine requirements under Wisconsin's relatively lax laws on vaccine exemption, which require no explanation to qualify. Chairing the Committee on Constitution and Ethics, Wichgers said he supported "a parent's right to decide when and how their children should receive treatment." Democratic State Representative Gordon Hintz, who proposed legislation to tighten vaccine exemption laws, blamed Wichgers for never allowing his legislation a hearing. Hintz's accusation was echoed by Republican State Senator Patrick Testin, who said his understanding was that Wichgers would "kill the bill" on vaccine exemption laws.
- In October 2020, amidst a drastic increase in infections during the COVID-19 pandemic, Wichgers signed onto a court effort against Wisconsin's mask mandate. The same month, Wichgers attended an anti-choice event where many attendees were pictured not wearing masks. This took place during October 2020, where the rate of COVID infections increased 87-percent throughout the month.
- Wichgers was connected to extremist anti-choice group Abolish Abortion Wisconsin, having promoted one of their rallies in January 2018. The organization called for the death penalty for women receiving abortions and has encouraged elected officials to defy federal courts to ban all abortions. Abolish Abortion Wisconsin was headed by radical activist Matt Trehwella; in 1993, following the extremist murder of abortion provider Dr. David Gunn, Trehwella signed the "Defensive Action Statement," which defended the murderer's actions and extremist killings more broadly as "legitimate to defend the life of an unborn child." Specific to the Gunn case, the letter specified "if Michael Griffin did in fact kill David Gunn, his use of lethal force was justifiable."

## **Wisconsin State Representative Chuck Wichgers Joined State Republican Lawmakers In Arizona To ‘Tour’ The Bogus Audit Of The 2020 Results**

**March 2021: Wisconsin Assembly Republicans Authorized A Committee To Investigate How Elections Had Been Administered Over The Past Two Years, Giving Them Authority To Subpoena Witnesses And Documents.** “Assembly Republicans voted Tuesday to direct a Wisconsin committee to investigate how elections have been administered over the last two years, paving the way for lawmakers to ramp up the scrutiny of the state's 2020 presidential contests. While the Campaigns and Elections Committee had already been holding hearings surrounding the conduct of the November 2020 election, the resolution's approval this week lays the groundwork for allowing the panel to subpoena witnesses or documents going forward.” [The Capital Times, [3/23/21](#)]

**June 2021: State Representative Chuck Wichgers (R-Muskego) Joined On A Trip To Tour The 2020 Election Audit In Maricopa County.** “One of the four Wisconsin Republican legislators to travel to Arizona and tour an audit of the November election said Tuesday he was impressed by what he saw and dismissed criticism some Arizona Republicans have leveled at the process. Rep. Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) joined Rep. Janel Brantjen (R-Menomonee Falls), Rep. Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R-Appleton), and Rep. Chuck Wichgers (R-Muskego) on the one-day visit to Phoenix where Murphy said they were given a 40-minute tour of the audit ordered by Arizona legislators. Rep. Dave Murphy (R-Greenville) joined Rep. Janel Brantjen (R-Menomonee Falls), Rep. Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R-Appleton), and Rep. Chuck Wichgers (R-Muskego) on the one-day visit to Phoenix where Murphy said they were given a 40-minute tour of the audit ordered by Arizona legislators. GOP lawmakers in that state authorized a private group, Cyber Ninjas, to oversee the audit in which they claim to be conducting a forensic analysis of the ballots cast in Maricopa County.” [WKOW, [6/15/21](#)]

## **Wichgers Had Promoted Letter Questioning The Validity Of “Hundreds Of Thousands Of Ballots” Nationwide In The 2020 Election And Called For Delay In Electoral Vote Certification**

*Chuck Wichgers Was Part Of Wisconsin’s “Sedition Caucus,” Joined Multi-State Effort Calling On Vice President Pence To Delay Electoral Certification*

**Madison Capital Times HEADLINE: “The Wisconsin Legislature Has Its Own ‘Sedition Caucus.’”** [Madison Capital Times, [1/20/21](#)]

**January 5, 2021: Wichgers Joined Multi-State Coalition Of 14 Republican Legislators In Sending A Letter Calling On Mike Pence To Stall The Certification Of The 2020 Electoral College Vote.** “Democrats are calling for several Wisconsin Republican lawmakers to be removed from the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections after they co-signed a letter that unsuccessfully sought to convince Vice President Mike Pence to stall the certification of Joe Biden's win in the presidential election. The Jan. 5 letter was signed by 15 Wisconsin GOP legislators, including four who sit on the Committee on Campaigns and Elections. Another 106 conservative representatives and senators from other states also signed the letter. Among the 15 signees from Wisconsin was Chuck Wichgers, an Assembly representative from Muskego whose district includes Waterford and who defended his seat in the Nov. 3 election, the same election that he was calling to be investigated in the letter.” [The Journal Times, [1/14/21](#)]

- **Wichgers Had Defended His Own State Representative Seat In The November 3, 2020 Election That Was He Was Challenging.** “Among the 15 signees from Wisconsin was Chuck Wichgers, an Assembly representative from Muskego whose district includes Waterford and who defended his seat in the Nov. 3 election, the same election that he was calling to be investigated in the letter.” [The Journal Times, [1/14/21](#)]

*Joint National Letter To Vice President Pence Questioned Validity Of Hundreds Of Thousands Of Ballots, Called For 10 Day Delay On Vote Certification To Allow State Votes On Validity, And Included Document Alleging Coordinated Effort Against State Election Integrity*

**The Letter To Vice President Pence Claimed The 2020 Election “Witnessed An Unprecedented And Admitted Defiance Of State Law” That Raised “Questions About The Validity Of Hundreds Of Thousands Of Ballots In Our Respective States.”** “The 2020 election witnessed an unprecedented and admitted defiance of state law and procedural irregularities raising questions about the validity of hundreds of thousands of ballots in our respective states.” [Letter to Vice President Pence via Wisconsin Examiner, [1/5/21](#)]

**Letter Called On Vice President Mike Pence To Postpone The Counting Of The Electoral Vote “For At Least 10 Days” To Allow State Votes On Certification.** “Therefore, we write to ask you to comply with our reasonable request to afford our nation more time to properly review the 2020 election by postponing the January 6th opening and counting of the electoral votes for at least 10 days, affording our respective bodies to meet, investigate, and as a body vote on certification or decertification of the election. This action can be completed prior to the inauguration date, as required by the Constitution.” [Letter to Vice President Pence via Wisconsin Examiner, [1/5/21](#)]

**Letter Included A Document, “Bought And Sold For Big Tech Gold: How An Unprecedented Private-Public Partnership Subverted The 2020 Election.”**



[Letter to Vice President Pence via Wisconsin Examiner, [1/5/21](#)]

**Letter Included Document Allegedly “Summariz[ing] The Illegalities Present In The 2020 Election.”** “The attached appendix summarizes the illegalities present in the 2020 election and provides evidence of a coordinated and structured multi-state effort to undermine state law protecting election integrity.” [Letter to Vice President Pence via Wisconsin Examiner, [1/5/21](#)]

**In 2019, Wichgers Was Central To Preserving Wisconsin’s Lax Standards For Opting Out Of Vaccination, Preventing Legislation To Tighten Standards From Being Considered, And Went On To Argue Against Mask Mandates In A Court Effort Amidst Rising COVID Cases In 2020**

*2019: Amidst An Increase In Parents Opting Out Of Vaccine Requirements, Wichgers Expressed Support For “A Parent’s Right To Decide When And How Their Children Should Receive Treatment”*

**September 2019: Wisconsin Faced An Increase In Parents Opting Out Of State Vaccine Requirements, Reflecting Lax Standards On Receiving An Exemption In The State.** “Although it’s a school nurse’s job to make sure their students meet state immunization requirements, there’s not much they can do about the growing number of Wisconsin parents who opt out of vaccinating their children. Parents check a box, sign their

names, and the inquiries from school nurses usually stop. Jill Rohan, a nurse in the Appleton Area School District, is among those working diligently to keep immunization levels high and protect children who can't be vaccinated for medical reasons. But Rohan said she doesn't try to change parents' minds if they've signed a waiver." [The Post-Crescent, [9/8/19](#)]

**2019: As Head Of The Committee On Constitution And Ethics, Wichgers Declined To Schedule A Hearing On Legislation To Amend Wisconsin's Vaccine Waiver Laws, Which Don't Require Explanations For Opting Out Children.** "But while religious and medical waiver numbers have stayed relatively stable over the past two decades, according to DHS, there has been a nearly four-fold increase in students with personal conviction waivers. Wisconsin is one of 18 states to allow such waivers, which don't require any explanation for opting out of vaccinations. A bill to do away with them, authored in May by state Rep. Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, is stalled in the Committee on Constitution and Ethics after state Rep. Chuck Wichgers, R-Muskego, declined to schedule a public hearing for it." [The Post-Crescent, [9/8/19](#)]

**Despite An Increase Of Exemptions From Vaccinations In Wisconsin, State Representative Wichgers Stated He "Supports A Parent's Right To Decide When And How Their Children Should Receive Treatment."** "Obviously alarm bells should be going off that we're below the threshold for herd immunity and more importantly it's trending the wrong way," said state Rep. Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, who proposed legislation in May that would eliminate the personal exemption from immunizations. Exemptions for personal, religious or health reasons have risen more than 9% in Wisconsin over the last three school years. In 2018-2019, exemptions totaled 49,039. [...] Rep. Chuck Wichgers, R-Muskego, who heads the committee that received Hintz' bill, declined to schedule a public hearing on the matter, saying he 'supports a parent's right to decide when and how their children should receive treatment.' He declined a recent request for an interview on the issue." [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [9/3/19](#)]

*2019: Wichgers Was Credited By Democrats And Republicans As Not Bringing Legislation To Increase Standards For Vaccine Exemptions To A Hearing*

**State Senator Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) Said His Understanding Was That Wichgers Indicated He Intended To Kill Hintz's Bill On Vaccine Waivers.** "Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, has introduced a bill that would eliminate personal conviction waivers in Wisconsin. Republican legislative leaders say that bill won't move forward. Speaking on WPR's regional 'Route 51' talk show, state Sen. Patrick Testin, R-Stevens Point, noted that Rep. Chuck Wichgers, R-Muskego, a member of the Assembly's health committee, has cast doubt on the proposal. 'Given the fact that the Assembly committee (member) ... basically said he's going to kill the bill, I don't see this bill moving forward this session at all,' Testin said. Testin did not give his own opinion on the bill. " [Wisconsin Public Radio, [8/26/19](#)]

**Racine Journal Times: Despite Threat Of Measles, Wichgers Has Refused To Schedule A Public Hearing On Vaccine Exemption Waivers.** "Yet despite that threat, legislation to do away with the personal exemption that allows parents to have their children opt out of being vaccinated remains bottled up in the GOP-controlled state Legislature. State Rep. Chuck Wichgers, R-Muskego, has refused to schedule a public hearing on such legislation and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said last spring he opposes government mandating what a parent should do with their child. In the past year, Wisconsin health officials have investigated 382 suspected cases of measles, but not one has been confirmed. Nationwide, there have been 1,215 cases of measles — the highest outbreak in 27 years. As Conway put it: 'I really do think it's purely just dumb luck that this hasn't spread to Wisconsin.'" [Racine Journal Times – Editorial, [9/13/19](#)]

**Democratic State Representative Gordon Hintz Said Wichgers Had Spoke At An Anti-Vax Rally.** "As measles have been reported in 31 other states this year, a bipartisan bill championed by Assembly Democratic leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) and Sen. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee), that is designed to get more children vaccinated in Wisconsin, remains mired in controversy. [...] Hintz asserts that in the Assembly, what is holding the bill back is pure political manipulation by Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester). 'Robin sent it to a committee chaired by [Republican Rep.] Chuck Wichgers, who spoke at an anti-vax rally. It was intentional,' says Hintz. 'It seems a little obvious to choose a committee that has nothing to do with health that has a chair that is against vaccines.'" [Wisconsin Examiner, [10/18/19](#)]

*October 2020: Wichgers Joined Court Effort To End The COVID-19 Mask Mandate In Wisconsin, Amidst Rising Cases In The State*

**October 2020: Wichgers Joined Republican Legislators In Going To Court To End The COVID-19 Mask Mandate.** “Republicans who control the state Legislature are in court backing a lawsuit that would end Wisconsin's face mask mandate at a time of record hospitalizations, deaths and new infections of coronavirus in the state. [...] Legislators who said they support legal action to end mask mandate: [...] Rep. Chuck Wichgers, R-Muskego[.]” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [10/9/20](#)]

**Rate Of COVID Vaccinations In Wisconsin Nearly Doubled In October 2020: The Month Began At A 7-Day Average Of 2,490 Cases A Day, Ending At A 7-Day Average Of 4,676 Case A Day.** This amounted to an 87.7-percent increase. [New York Times – “Tracking Coronavirus in Wisconsin, accessed [7/27/21](#)]

*October 2020: Wichgers Attended Anti-Choice Event In Oconomowoc And Was Pictured Indoors With Largely Unmasked Attendees, Amidst Rising Cases In The State*

**October 2020: Wichgers Attended An Event For In Oconomowoc Pro-Life Wisconsin In Which Many Attendees And Organizers Were Pictured Not Wearing Masks.** “As Wisconsin faces an alarming surge in cases of COVID-19, Republican lawmakers, including the chairman of the Assembly's health committee, attended an indoor mass gathering hosted by an anti-abortion organization Thursday night where many attendees were not wearing masks. Rep. Joe Sanfelippo, R-New Berlin, chairman of the Assembly committee on health, is shown photographed alongside Reps. Ken Skowronski, R-Franklin, Cody Horlacher, R-Mukwonago, and Chuck Wichgers, R-Muskego, at a Pro Life Wisconsin ‘Love for Life’ gala with other attendees, none of whom were wearing masks in the photo. [...] Pro-Life Wisconsin honored Sanfelippo as legislator of the year at the gala scheduled to take place at the Brookfield Conference Center, although the event appears to have been held at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Oconomowoc.” [Wisconsin State Journal, [10/24/20](#)]

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**Wichgers Promoted An Event By Extreme Anti-Choice Group Abolish Abortion Wisconsin, Who Have Endorsed The Death Penalty For Women Receiving Abortions In The Past, Encourage Defiance Of Federal Courts**

*January 2018: Wichgers Sent Email To Colleagues Promoting Event From Abolish Abortion Wisconsin*

**Wichgers Promoted An Event By The Group Abolish Abortion Wisconsin Meeting At The Wisconsin State Capitol.** “In an email obtained by One Wisconsin Now, a Republican State Representative is inviting his colleagues to join him at a meeting in the State Capitol sponsored by an organization that believes elected officials should defy federal courts to ban all abortions and women who get abortions should be subject to capital punishment. The group, Abolish Abortion Wisconsin, is affiliated with the radical activist Matt Trewhella and plans to host an event in the State Capitol on February 7, according to the message to legislators from Rep. Chuck Wichgers.” [One Wisconsin Now, [01/30/18](#)]

- **One Wisconsin Now HEADLINE: “State Rep. Chuck Wichgers Promotes Event For Extremist Group That Endorses Death Penalty For Women Who Have Abortions.”** [One Wisconsin Now, [01/30/18](#)]

*Abolish Abortion Wisconsin Called For Capital Punishment For Women Who Get Abortions, Called For Defiance Of Federal Courts On Abortions*



**Abolish Abortion Wisconsin “Believes Elected Officials Should Defy Federal Courts To Ban All Abortions And Women Who Get Abortions Should Be Subject To Capital Punishment.”** “In an email obtained by One Wisconsin Now, a Republican State Representative is inviting his colleagues to join him at a meeting in the State Capitol sponsored by an organization that believes elected officials should defy federal courts to ban all abortions and women who get abortions should be subject to capital punishment. The group, Abolish Abortion Wisconsin, is affiliated with the radical activist Matt Trehwella and plans to host an event in the State Capitol on February 7, according to the message to legislators from Rep. Chuck Wichgers.” [One Wisconsin Now, [01/30/18](#)]

**The Group’s Website Said That “Public Officials In Wisconsin Are Bound By Solemn Oath And Moral Duty To Oppose The Supreme Court’s Perversion Of The Constitution.”** “The goal of the group is to ban all abortions, without exception. On their website they are promoting a petition in which they declare, ‘... public officials in Wisconsin are bound by solemn oath and moral duty to oppose the Supreme Court’s perversion of the Constitution ...’ and they, ‘... hereby direct every public official in Wisconsin, including, but not limited, to sheriffs, district attorneys, judges and justices, the Attorney General, and the Governor, to exercise their authority as appropriate in their respective jurisdictions ...’ to ban abortion.” [One Wisconsin Now, [01/30/18](#)]

*Abolish Abortion Wisconsin Founder Matt Trehwella Had Signed The “Defensive Action Statement” On Abortion, Advocating “Whatever Force Is Legitimate” And Justifying The Murder Of An Abortion Provider*

**Abolish Abortion Wisconsin Was Affiliated With “Radical” Anti-Abortion Activist Matt Trehwella.** “In an email obtained by One Wisconsin Now, a Republican State Representative is inviting his colleagues to join him at a meeting in the State Capitol sponsored by an organization that believes elected officials should defy federal courts to ban all abortions and women who get abortions should be subject to capital punishment. The group, Abolish Abortion Wisconsin, is affiliated with the radical activist Matt Trehwella and plans to host an event in the State Capitol on February 7, according to the message to legislators from Rep. Chuck Wichgers.” [One Wisconsin Now, [01/30/18](#)]

**SPLC: Before Trial Of Michael Griffin For 1993 Murder Of Dr. David Gunn, The “Defensive Action Statement” Advocated “Whatever Force Is Legitimate To Defend The Life Of A Born Child Is Legitimate To Defend The Life Of An Unborn Child.”** “Shortly before the trial of Michael Griffin for the 1993 murder of Dr. David Gunn, former Rev. Paul Hill and 33 others signed what has become known as the ‘defensive action statement.’ [...] ‘We, the undersigned, declare the justice of taking all godly action necessary to defend innocent human life including the use of force. We proclaim that whatever force is legitimate to defend the life of a born child is legitimate to defend the life of an unborn child. We assert that if Michael Griffin did in fact kill David Gunn, his use of lethal force was justifiable provided it was carried out for the purpose of defending the lives of unborn children. Therefore, he ought to be acquitted of the charges against him.’” [SPLC, [9/15/98](#)]

- **Defensive Action Statement: “If Michael Griffin Did In Fact Kill David Gunn, His Use Of Lethal Force Was Justifiable.”** “We assert that if Michael Griffin did in fact kill David Gunn, his use of lethal force was justifiable provided it was carried out for the purpose of defending the lives of unborn children.” [SPLC, [9/15/98](#)]
- **Michael Griffin Reportedly Shouted “Don’t Kill Any More Babies” Before Shooting Dr. David Gunn Three Times.** “Dr. David Gunn was 47 years old when he was gunned down in 1993 during an abortion protest outside his clinic in Pensacola, Florida. Today we think of this as the first targeted killing of an abortion doctor in America—the murder that led to passage of the FACE Act, which made it a federal crime to block access to clinics. [...] Michael Frederick Griffin reportedly shouted “Don’t kill any more babies” just before putting three bullets in Gunn’s back.” [Slate, [10/31/17](#)]
- **SPLC: Matt Trehwella Of Milwaukee Was A Signer Of The “Defensive Action Statement.”** [SPLC, [9/15/98](#)]

**The Top PACs And Trade Associations That Contributed To Chuck Wichgers Gave Him \$3,350, Included Humana**

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Total Contributions To Wichgers</b>
Pro-Life Wisconsin	\$1,000
Wisconsin Realtors Association	\$1,000
Humana	\$500
Wisconsin Corn Growers Association	\$500
Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association	\$250
Wisconsin Assisted Living Association	\$100
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,350</b>

[Follow the Money – “Chuck Wichgers,” accessed [8/3/21](#)]