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No. 2026AP1008

WIS. BUSINESS LEADERS FOR DEMOCRACY V.

L.C.#2025CV2975

WIS. ELECTIONS COMM'N

August 20, 2026

Justice Susan M. Crawford has entered the following order:

A group of Congressmen and individual voters (collectively, the “Congressmen”) intervened in this proceeding and now move for my recusal. *See* Congressmen’s Motion to Recuse Justice Susan M. Crawford, *Wis. Business Leaders for Democracy v. Wis. Elections Comm’n*, No. 2026AP1008 (Wis. filed Aug. 6, 2026) [hereinafter Congressmen’s Motion]. The Congressmen allege that my participation in a video conference call organized by a nonprofit organization during my campaign for election to this court, along with a political party’s contributions to my campaign, create an appearance of bias. They argue that my recusal is required by Wisconsin law and the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution’s Fourteenth Amendment.

The Congressmen previously moved for my recusal at an earlier stage in this case when this court was considering a motion to appoint a 3-judge panel. *See* Congressmen’s Motion to Recuse Justice Susan M. Crawford, *Wis. Business Leaders for Democracy v. Wis. Elections Comm’n*, No. 2025XX1330 (Wis. filed Oct. 9, 2025). I denied that motion by order dated November 25, 2025. The Congressmen acknowledge that the grounds for the current motion are identical to the previous motion. *See* Congressmen’s Motion at 6, n.1. They cite no additional facts or legal principles in support of their motion and do not otherwise provide any reason for me to reconsider my previous order denying the motion to recuse. Moreover, they ignore and disregard relevant factual clarifications I provided in my previous order.

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My order denying the previous recusal motion provided a detailed explanation of why recusal was not warranted based on the applicable law and facts. For the same reasons stated in the November 25, 2025 order, I deny the current motion.

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion to Recuse Justice Susan M. Crawford filed by the Congressmen is denied.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Supreme Court

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