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It is of utmost importance that our courts be beyond reproach and that judges aren't deciding cases involving their campaign contributors. I remember the days when even the appearance of a conflict of interest was enough for judges to step aside, in favor of absolute public confidence.

But our current recusal rules in Wisconsin, in fact, say the opposite. The conservative majority on our State Supreme Court adopted rules, literally written by the same special interests that spent big money to get them elected, that allow them to participate in cases even if the parties involved contributed to their campaigns.

The rules need to change.

The petition filed by 54 retired state judges to change the rules on recusal is necessary to prevent even so much as the appearance of corruption that special interests get special treatment.

I urge the Court to reform the rules on judicial recusal. We need our courts to remain an incorruptible bastion for our democracy!

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