

Government Accountability Board

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Statement Regarding Recall Election Campaign Issues

MADISON, WI – Kevin J. Kennedy, director and general counsel of the Government Accountability Board, issued the following statement:

The Government Accountability Board staff has been in discussions with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, as well as the Wisconsin Attorney General's Office about complaints arising from campaign activities in the August recall elections. Ultimately, decisions regarding investigation and prosecution of possible violations of the law against election bribery (Section 12.11 Wis. Stats) rests with the District Attorney. Investigations conducted by the Board are confidential. Likewise, most District Attorneys maintain confidentiality through any investigation.

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The Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) is responsible for administration and enforcement of campaign finance, elections, ethics and lobbying laws in Wisconsin. The G.A.B. is made up of six non-partisan, former judges and is supported by an agency of non-partisan staff members.