Arrest Of Elon Musk For Felony Vote Buying Demanded In Wisconsin

Wisconsin Democratic Party Chair Ben Wikler has accused Elon Musk of felony vote buying and he has called for the billionaire's arrest if he comes to the state.



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Elon Musk has announced that he will be giving a talk in Wisconsin where he will award \$2 million to two voters who have voted in the Wisconsin Supreme Court special election. This scam has all the makings of the same illegal lottery stunt that Musk pulled during the 2024 election.



Musk's scam appears to clearly violate Wisconsin's election bribery law:

12.11 Election bribery.

- (1) In this section, "asything of value" includes any amount of money, or any object which has utility independent of any political message it contains and the value of which exceeds \$1. The prohibitions of this section apply to the distribution of material printed at public expense and available for free distribution if such materials are occompanied by a political message.
- (1m) Any person who does any of the following violates this chapter:
 - (a) Offers, gives, leads or promises to give or lead, or endeavors to procure, anything of value, or any office or employment or any privilege or transmity to, or for, any elector, or to or for any other person, in order to induce any elector to:
 - 1. Go to or refrain from going to the polls.
 - 2. Vine or refrain from voting.
 - 3. Note or refruin from voting for or against a particular person.
 - 4. Vote of relitain from voting for or against a particular referendum; or on account of any elector having done any of the above.
 - (b) Receives, agrees of contracts to receive or accept any money, gift, loan, valuable consideration, office or employment personally or for any other person in consideration that the person or any elector will, so act or has so acted.
 - (c) Advances, pays or causes to be paid any money to or for the use of any person with the intent that such money or any part thereof will be used to bribe election at any election.

Nonpartisan election experts have opined that Musk's lottery in Wisconsin is illegal and that the Wisconsin Democratic Party shares this viewpoint.

Wisconsin Democratic Party Chair Ben Wikler said in a statement:

Elon Musk has committed a blatant felony by offering money for votes in order to help Brad Schimel. Musk's illegal election bribery scheme to put Brad Schimel on the Supreme Court is a chainsaw attack on democracy and the rule of law in Wisconsin and our nation.

Elon Musk should be brought to justice for his illegal attempt to buy votes for Brad Schimel, and Brad Schimel should immediately condemn Musk's crimes and disavow his continued involvement in his campaign. If Schimel does not immediately call on Musk to end this criminal activity, we can only assume he is complicit.

Law enforcement must act now before this goes any further. Musk's crime to assist Brad Schimel has already been committed, and if Elon Musk sets foot in Wisconsin, he should be placed in handcuffs and held accountable—just like any other criminal. Musk can have his day in court, but he cannot buy the court.

Chair Wikler was correct. The way to end Elon Musk's criminal vote buying is to arrest and charge him for the crimes he appears to be committing. The arrest of Musk would make him and other billionaires think twice before they try to buy votes to swing another election.

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