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We are a free people in a republic, under a constitution which limits the powers of government to those necessary to secure the unalienable rights of each person to their life, liberty and property. Yet, when a legislature is in session, no one's life, liberty or property is safe. It's the curse of a democracy. That's why we have a republic instead. *Freedom Matters* dedicates itself to the fight to restore our republic. Most of the press and courts fail to do so. They've forgotten that freedom matters.

When ideologies become set like concrete, it is people who suffer

A letter by the Dean of Dane County Board Supervisors after the Dane County Executive chose ideology over common good sense and practicality

Dear Editor,

Many of us here in Dane County have been watching with great concern the unfolding race for Wisconsin's governor. On the Republican side of the race Scott McCallum enjoys the advantage of the incumbent, although not actually having been elected to the job, he remains untested to some extent. He has inherited a messy situation but at least seems to be operating on some common sense and commitment to making the best decisions he can.

On the Democratic side we have first, Attorney General James Doyle. Doyle has at least managed to secure billions in tobacco settlement money only to see it squandered shamelessly away forever because we can't seem to budget properly. Too bad for Doyle--that settlement, properly handled, would have taken care of many problems for years.

Next, Tom Barrett, who at least has made a respectable U.S. congressman. Perhaps he has been a bit too shy, since no one quite knows what he stands for.

And then there's Kathleen Falk, our illustrious Dane County Executive. We here in Dane know all about her—we've been putting up with her antics for years. She's a "real prize" as my mother used to say. As Public Intervenor for the State of Wisconsin (a post Tommy Thompson wisely eliminated) she stuck her nose into all kinds of affairs and made these things vastly more time consuming and expensive (as poor lawyers often can).

Often she only succeeded in postponing or preventing good common sense solutions from implementation. She fought the creation of Madison's south beltline highway for ten years while accidents injured many and even cost people their lives. Today that highway moves motorists and freight efficiently around the town. Madison itself and all of southern

Wisconsin *depend* on it!

As an outspoken "environmentalist" she has perfected the art of political posturing and knee jerk control over things she either knows nothing about or worse yet has no real right to be involved in.

Just a few days ago she took first prize here for the most ridiculous decision of the year so far: A good honest effort to site a cement plant, appropriately, right alongside a sand and gravel quarry. The location would *save hours of unnecessary trucking* of materials through crowded urban areas and thousands of gallons of diesel fuel.

The plan received all the appropriate approvals as it worked through various units of government. The property owner thought it worked for his needs. The town board said yes. The relevant committee on our county board said yes. Finally our whole county board gave it the nod.

Even the county engineers and planners thought the whole idea was well engineered and actually would result in cleaning up a long standing source of manure runoff that some claimed threatened a good trout stream.

Alas, the whole project died at the hands of our own Ms. Falk. She seems hell bent on satisfying a radical fringe element in our county that wants NO building anywhere outside Madison, so Falk vetoed the rezone. She proved, once again, that she simply doesn't care one bit about building a strong economy anywhere outside of the densely packed urban island her supporters love.

God help my beautiful state of Wisconsin if Falk becomes governor. She will work against everything that has distinguished Wisconsin's colorful and successful history: strong individualists who make do with what they have, who really only want to mind their own business and continue to breathe free.

Sincerely
Lyman Anderson
Supervisor , Dane County Board

Editor's note: The board voted indefinite postponement since not enough supervisors were present to override Falk's veto.. Madison "Progressives" on the board chose politics over common sense and public safety, exposing their environmentalism for what it is: second fiddle to their Malthusian "sustainability" conceit that is anti-growth and anti-prosperity in effect.

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