



Statement from Epic Management

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Epic has never belonged to Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC). In addition, our company is, and always has been, politically neutral—we do not as a company support or endorse any particular party or candidate.

We believe business exists to support society. When instead business undermines society's basic principles, then we each choose whether or not to tolerate it. The process of selecting judges for the Wisconsin Supreme Court should be of the highest integrity.

Newspapers, magazines, television and radio news stories, local as well as national, reported that this year's Wisconsin Supreme Court election was a travesty of ethics and many of the analyses pointed to WMC as a responsible party. We believe that what we tolerate is what we stand for, and as corporate citizens, we stand for the preservation of the foundation of the judicial system.

We had discussions with multiple leaders from various industries around Dane County, representing different political backgrounds, to assess the accuracy of the media reports. After careful consideration, we made a decision to try to work only with vendors that do not support WMC with its current management. This was not a decision we made lightly, but believe it is the right thing to do.