

# Wisconsinites Unite to Draft Mike McCabe for Governor

Dear Mike,

We strongly urge you to run for governor. Our reason is obvious: the levers of political power have been seized and are being manipulated by those interested primarily in self-enrichment and personal power. The actions of those who currently control the Capitol are extremely short-sighted as well as morally and ethically corrupt, and sap our state of its underlying strength and vitality.

The people sense this, and are hungry for a different kind of leadership. You are the right answer. You are an upright man, not interested in self-enrichment or power for power's sake, with a feeling for the needs of others and your country. We are aware that you would rather not run for office. With the landscape littered with professional politicians and career office holders, your understandable and admirable reluctance to run only makes you more appealing to us and enhances your viability as a candidate. Added to that, you are a natural leader, with a vision of what is right, a rare gift for putting that vision into words, along with uncommon sense about how to turn words into actions. Also, the timing is right.

We need you to run because of who you are and where you are from. Rural Wisconsin is in crisis, and the rural-urban divide is growing disturbingly wide. You are farm raised and have deep rural roots, so you have what so few of today's politicians have, namely an understanding of rural life and the challenges small-town residents face and an ability to speak their language.

We need you to run because the major parties are broken and you belong to no political party. You are a true independent and have been speaking truth to power for decades as a nonpartisan government watchdog. For decades you have shined light on the misdeeds of Republicans and Democrats alike, and have blown the whistle on them without fear or favor. That makes you a public servant in the truest sense. That's what Wisconsin needs now more than ever.

We need you to run because Wisconsin politics has grown corrupt and there is no one in our state who has worked harder for a longer time and done more to fight political corruption than you. Truth is becoming an increasingly scarce commodity in our society, and no one in our state has demonstrated a greater devotion to truth telling than you and been more willing than you to speak the truth even when few want to hear it and some actively seek to silence it.

Because of who you are, where you are from and what you stand for, we believe you will find a deep vein of support across the state. We know running would be a huge sacrifice for you and your family. But now is the time. Your state and country are crying out for the kind of leadership you would provide. Politics and government are fouled up, and Wisconsin has lost its way. We need a jolt to the system. Wisconsin needs you.

**Paul Linzmeyer, business leader**  
De Pere

**Rick Adamski, farmer**  
Seymour

**Mark Neumann, physician**  
La Crosse

**Joe Mastalski, retired pharmacist**  
Hazelhurst

**Ed Gorell, farmer**  
Eleva

**Matthew Wiltzius, cook**  
Stevens Point

**Rhonda Sitnikau, stylist**  
Green Bay

**Phil Blazkowski, regional planner**  
Janesville

**Stephanie Ortiz, domestic abuse  
prevention coordinator & Black Lives  
United, Green Bay**

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| <b>Brian Gronski, farmer<br/>Suamico</b>                                      | <b>Masood Akhtar, entrepreneur<br/>Middleton</b>  | <b>Cory Schneider, insurance salesman<br/>Stevens Point</b>   |
| <b>Catherine Parker, librarian &amp; town<br/>board member, Lake Tomahawk</b> | <b>Corina Norrbom, physician<br/>Rothschild</b>   | <b>Casey Hicks, student<br/>Green Bay</b>   |
| <b>Jeanne and Dan Patenaude<br/>Butternut</b>                                 | <b>Ellen Johnson, nurse<br/>La Crosse</b>   | <b>Geraldine Hamm, wellness<br/>coordinator, Waupaca</b>  |
| <b>Dr. Paul Summerside, retired health<br/>care CEO, De Pere</b>              | <b>Roger Schnitzler, publishing company<br/>owner, Wisconsin Dells</b>                          | <b>Ed Busby, IT technician &amp; retired<br/>educator, Park Falls</b>                                     |
| <b>Nick Dutton, insurance agent<br/>La Crosse</b>                             | <b>Monica Hofmann, nurse practitioner<br/>La Crosse</b>   | <b>Avery Van Gaard, landscaper<br/>La Crosse</b>  |
| <b>Avrum Lank, author &amp; retired<br/>journalist, Whitefish Bay</b>         | <b>Ben Welch, animator<br/>Hortonville</b>  | <b>Jay Graff, military veteran &amp;<br/>chauffeur service owner, Waupun</b>                              |
| <b>Paul Ahrens, student<br/>Green Bay</b>                                     | <b>Dr. Thomas Wiltzius, psychologist<br/>Appleton</b>   | <b>Monica and Ken Golomski, retired<br/>educators, De Pere</b>  |
| <b>Katie Groves<br/>Sparta</b>  | <b>Jennie Black, resort owner<br/>Hazelhurst</b>  | <b>Ralph Knudson, retired family<br/>practice physician, La Crosse</b>                                    |
| <b>Dave Pauly, insurance executive<br/>Madison</b>                            | <b>Mary Oldenburg, student<br/>La Crosse</b>  | <b>Hiroshi Kanno, retired farmer &amp;<br/>World War II internment camp<br/>survivor, Wisconsin Dells</b> |
| <b>Arlene Kanno, retired science teacher<br/>Wisconsin Dells</b>              | <b>Kathy and Chuck Ivey<br/>La Crosse</b>   | <b>Mark Scheffler, financial services<br/>manager, Appleton</b>   |
| <b>Ake Stroede<br/>Wausau</b>   | <b>Mike Ouimette, bartender<br/>Hazelhurst</b>  | <b>Rich Langan<br/>Green Bay</b>  |
| <b>Chuck Young, retired college<br/>professor, La Crosse</b>                  | <b>Lynn and Nancy Utesch, farmers<br/>Kewaunee</b>  | <b>Steven Goschey, contractor<br/>Random Lake</b>   |
| <b>Ann Tyndall, chaplain<br/>La Crosse</b>                                    | <b>Nino Amato, senior citizen group<br/>leader &amp; former utility executive<br/>Middleton</b> | <b>Paul Willems, military veteran &amp;<br/>publishing business owner<br/>Green Bay</b>                   |
| <b>Joan Hauer, registered nurse<br/>Minocqua</b>                              | <b>Kathy Lefevre, county supervisor<br/>Green Bay</b>   | <b>Tanner Klein, student<br/>Stevens Point</b>  |
| <b>Stephen Minnema, minister<br/>La Crosse</b>                                | <b>Jim Snyder, realtor<br/>Arbor Vitae</b>  | <b>Jennie Kleven, physician<br/>La Crosse</b>   |
| <b>Judd Van De Hei, business owner<br/>De Pere</b>                            | <b>Sara Bell, health care educator<br/>Fond du Lac</b>  | <b>Hank Roessell, retired police detective<br/>Hazelhurst</b>   |
| <b>Peter Gorski, grocery co-op employee<br/>La Crosse</b>                     | <b>Deborah and Jim Kinder<br/>Wisconsin Dells</b>   | <b>Laura Grovogel, health care<br/>professional, Allouez</b>  |
| <b>Michael and Nancy Slattery, farmers<br/>Maribel</b>                        | <b>Samuel Birenbaum, student<br/>Eau Claire</b>   | <b>Kris Edwards, project manager<br/>La Crosse</b>  |
| <b>Jeff Kane, gas station service<br/>Hazelhurst</b>                          | <b>Phillip Marquart, data manager<br/>La Crosse</b>   | <b>Peggy Snyder, office secretary<br/>Woodruff</b>  |
| <b>Jenny Chevalier, independent<br/>business owner, Green Bay</b>             | <b>Adriel Denae, musician &amp; arts<br/>organization leader, Appleton</b>                      | <b>Curt Christianson, retired teacher<br/>Mercer</b>  |
| <b>Kris Molinaro, speech therapist<br/>Minocqua</b>                           | <b>Cathy and Gary Simmons, retired<br/>teachers, Arbor Vitae</b>                                | <b>Charlie Frisk, retired science teacher<br/>Green Bay</b>   |

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| <b>Courtney Zambon, student<br/>Green Bay</b>                            | <b>Jim and Jeannie Groskreutz<br/>La Crosse</b>   | <b>Jane Jacobi, registered nurse<br/>Minocqua</b>   |
| <b>Russ Kopp, tile setter<br/>Lac du Flambeau</b>                        | <b>Jeannie Linzmeyer, arts business<br/>operator, De Pere</b>   | <b>Richard and Lisbeth Reynertson<br/>La Crosse</b>   |
| <b>Debra Kopp, housewife<br/>Lac du Flambeau</b>                         | <b>Dmitri Martin<br/>Waupaca</b>  | <b>Dr. Robert Pyne, college<br/>administrator, De Pere</b>                                  |
| <b>Mary Kubinet, customer service<br/>representative, Woodruff</b>       | <b>Deborah Buffton, college professor<br/>La Crosse</b>   | <b>Joe Augitto, architect<br/>Hazelhurst</b>  |
| <b>Pete Angilello, school librarian<br/>Green Bay</b>                    | <b>Vic Ouimette, chamber of commerce<br/>&amp; county board member, Mercer</b>                              | <b>Joy Olson<br/>La Crosse</b>  |
| <b>Kim Hilliker, retired radiologist<br/>Wausau</b>                      | <b>Kyle Schneider, student<br/>Green Bay</b>  | <b>Kirsten Margitan, Spanish teacher<br/>Minocqua</b>                                       |
| <b>Mary Hilliker, registered nurse &amp;<br/>yoga instructor, Wausau</b> | <b>Sam Prah, electrician<br/>New London</b>   | <b>Cole Piechowski, student<br/>Green Bay</b>   |
| <b>Dave Maki, insurance agent<br/>Lac du Flambeau</b>                    | <b>Christine Rasmussen, accounting<br/>administrative assistant, Weyauwega</b>                              | <b>Katie Schierl<br/>Neenah</b>   |
| <b>Vicki Vohs<br/>Janesville</b>   | <b>Margie Jessup, programmer analyst<br/>Milton</b>   | <b>James Crisco<br/>Wild Rose</b>   |
| <b>Thomas McGrath<br/>Wausau</b>   | <b>Chuck Johnston<br/>Fitchburg</b>   | <b>Marsha Gerlach, retired food service<br/>manager, Waupaca</b>                            |
| <b>Larry Sleznikow, instructional<br/>technologist, La Crosse</b>        | <b>Carolyn Sleznikow, registered nurse<br/>La Crosse</b>  | <b>Rachel Teske, physician<br/>Onalaska</b>   |
| <b>Lowell Wickman, veterinarian<br/>Oshkosh</b>                          | <b>Jill Wenzel<br/>New London</b>   | <b>Sharon Locklin, health training<br/>manager, Green Bay</b>                               |
| <b>ILah Hartung, retired human services<br/>case manager, Janesville</b> | <b>Maria Jenquine<br/>Waupaca</b>   | <b>Connie Weeks, retired teacher<br/>Milton</b>   |
| <b>Bruce LaRose, retired school<br/>administrator, Hazelhurst</b>        | <b>Dave Kropilnicki, retired school<br/>custodian, Waupaca</b>  | <b>Jim Crist<br/>Madison</b>  |
| <b>Dawn Broderick<br/>Waupaca</b>  | <b>Betty Kossik<br/>Green Bay</b>   | <b>Elizabeth Feil, continuing education<br/>seminar planner, Altoona</b>                    |
| <b>Nicolette Collier<br/>New London</b>                                  | <b>Ursula Armstrong-Neisius, self-<br/>employed former truck driver &amp;<br/>postal worker, Redgranite</b> | <b>Cliff and Carol Claus<br/>Woodruff</b>   |
| <b>Harvey Skjerven, forestry service<br/>director, Minocqua</b>          | <b>Colleen Skjerven, dog grooming<br/>service owner, Minocqua</b>   | <b>Rebecca Thieme-Baeseman<br/>Waupaca</b>  |
| <b>Vern Gosdeck, math teacher<br/>Sun Prairie</b>                        | <b>Sharon Gosdeck, dental hygienist<br/>Sun Prairie</b>   | <b>Mary Dunphy, clinical lab specialist<br/>Minocqua</b>                                    |
| <b>Andy Teichmiller, business owner<br/>Woodruff</b>                     | <b>Sue Teichmiller, physician assistant<br/>Woodruff</b>  | <b>Erv Teichmiller, minister, business<br/>owner &amp; county board member<br/>Woodruff</b> |
| <b>Lewis Kuhlman, city planner<br/>La Crosse</b>                         | <b>Kevin Hundt, student<br/>La Crosse</b>   | <b>Tom Neubauer, retired business<br/>owner, Whitefish Bay</b>                              |
| <b>Greg Bassett, handyman &amp; retired<br/>optician, Hazelhurst</b>     | <b>Wendy Bassett, speech pathologist<br/>Hazelhurst</b>   | <b>Bart Hebert, physical therapist<br/>Woodruff</b>   |

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| <b>Mary Hebert, secretary<br/>Woodruff</b>                               | <b>Phil Carey<br/>Madison</b>  | <b>Chuck Bohmert, retired teacher<br/>Arbor Vitae</b>  |
| <b>Larry Caldwell, pharmacist<br/>Minocqua</b>                           | <b>Pam Caldwell, church secretary<br/>Minocqua</b>                         | <b>Richard Gee, retired power plant<br/>supervisor, Minocqua</b>                                     |
| <b>Donna Gee, retired teacher<br/>Minocqua</b>                           | <b>Fred Locher, retired orthopedic<br/>surgeon, St. Germain</b>            | <b>Laura Locher, artist<br/>St. Germain</b>  |
| <b>Lori Mastalski, paralegal<br/>Amery</b>                               | <b>Ken Mastalski, industrial quality<br/>control specialist, Amery</b>     | <b>Paul Fankhauser, farmer &amp; former<br/>meat inspector, Madison</b>                              |
| <b>Sharon Fankhauser, business owner<br/>Madison</b>                     | <b>John Margitan, retired surveyor<br/>Minocqua</b>                        | <b>Bonnie Margitan, retired teacher<br/>Minocqua</b>   |
| <b>Obbie King, web developer<br/>La Crosse</b>                           | <b>Jim Jorstad, IT director<br/>Stoddard</b>                               | <b>Jane Jorstad, retired elementary<br/>school teacher, Stoddard</b>                                 |
| <b>Mark Strohsahl, retired social worker<br/>Hazelhurst</b>              | <b>Barb Strohsahl, nursing educator<br/>Hazelhurst</b>                     | <b>Dave Burton, assistant school<br/>principal &amp; former corrections<br/>officer, Arbor Vitae</b> |
| <b>Kathy Burton, small business owner<br/>Arbor Vitae</b>                | <b>Kay and Mel Hoff<br/>Lake Tomahawk</b>                                  | <b>Andy Binder, retired salesman<br/>Minocqua</b>  |
| <b>Julie Clark, retired realtor<br/>Woodruff</b>                         | <b>Darlene Buraczewski, accountant<br/>Maribel</b>                         | <b>Mike Buraczewski, nuclear power<br/>procedure writer and operator<br/>Maribel</b>                 |
| <b>Dorothy Buraczewski, retired retail<br/>sales clerk, Minocqua</b>     | <b>David Asman<br/>New London</b>  | <b>Dan Stephens<br/>Madison</b>  |
| <b>Allen Pruitt, financial services<br/>representative, La Crosse</b>    | <b>John Small, village president &amp;<br/>county supervisor, Marathon</b> | <b>P.J. Early, administrative coordinator<br/>St. Francis</b>  |
| <b>Jerry Stepaniak<br/>Wauwatosa</b>                                     | <b>Charles Lee, retired professor<br/>La Crosse</b>                        | <b>Dannette Lank, community volunteer<br/>Whitefish Bay</b>  |
| <b>Doug Chapman, business training<br/>administrator, Eleva</b>          | <b>Jacki Kossik<br/>Eureka</b>   | <b>Bradley Butterfield, English professor<br/>La Crosse</b>  |
| <b>Susan Crutchfield, professor<br/>La Crosse</b>                        | <b>Rosie Brooks, stay-at-home cook and<br/>artist, La Crosse</b>           | <b>Robert Hughes<br/>Onalaska</b>  |
| <b>Nancy Heerens-Knudson, retired<br/>physician assistant, La Crosse</b> | <b>Jessica Thill, educator<br/>La Crosse</b>                               | <b>Carol McKy, business services<br/>Middleton</b>   |