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1 Wisconsin and Minnesota They chose the billionaire Tim Walz returns to Minnesota as part of redemption tour The former Democratic VP nominee tours around the US **RAWSEP Key Excerpt** At a prior rally in Wisconsin Walz mocked Tesla saying he Walz watches the falling stock to get a little boost each day leading to condemnation on the right Walz took aim at Musk This guy bugs me in a way that is probably unhealthy he said They are all hurt about the Tesla thing but they do not care about the disrespect they have shown to employees at the Minneapolis VA who care for our veterans and they fire them They do not care Walz said **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian March 24 2025 Tim Walz is trying to regroup to help Democrats fight the Trump administration but he is still trying to figure out why he and his party lost in November He has not ruled out a 2028 run for president though neither have most 2028 hopefuls I thought it was a flex that I was the poorest person and the only public school teacher to ever run for vice president of the United States Walz told a crowd of roughly 1500 people that filled an auditorium and spilled into an overflow room on a Saturday morning They chose the billionaire We have to do better Much bigger crowds have turned up to see Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio Cortez on a stop oligarchy tour People have also filled town halls around the country to tell their elected officials how they are affected by government cuts and policy changes But where the energy goes remains to be seen It is clear Walz still captures the attention of a rightwing outrage machine He chided Fox News and other pundits during an appearance on the Gavin Newsom podcast Walz held the rally in a region of Minnesota where the congressman Brad Finstad is one of many Republicans who have not held in person town halls Republicans who have hosted events in recent weeks have experienced heated pushback During the rally Walz said Finstad should take notice If you are a sitting member of Congress in the biggest city in your district and you see 1300 people on a nice Saturday coming out here it catches your attention trust me he said Thinking about the path forward for Democrats Walz likes the idea of a shadow cabinet borrowing a UK tradition where opposition parties have their own versions of cabinet members to speak out against the ones in power He sees the Trump administration as an existential threat that will chip away at social security but wonders how Democrats are not able to message these popular middle class issues against oligarchs

2 Wisconsin Rallying Anti Musk Donors Liberal Judge Susan Crawford Raises \$24 Million in Key Court Contest With Elon Musk backing her conservative opponent a Wisconsin judge seeking a seat on the Wisconsin top court has amassed what is believed to be a record war chest for a judicial campaign **RAWSEP Top Key Excerpt** In a statement Judge Crawford accused Musk of trying to buy influence over the Wisconsin judiciary by getting Brad Schimel elected to the Supreme Court **RAWSEP View** Musk expects his appeal of a Wisconsin lower court ruling that Musk could not sell Teslas in Wisconsin will reach the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Musk apparently wants Schimel to rule in favor of Musk and

allow Musk to sell Teslas in Wisconsin Although Judges are expected to be non partisan the Republican partisan Musk influence and the Republican partisan Trump influence on Schimel are apparent America PAC a super PAC funded by Musk has spent more than \$6 point 6 million to back Judge Schimel Another super PAC affiliated with Musk has spent nearly as much on television ads in the race Judge Schimel participated in a livestreamed chat with Musk on the Musk owned social media X on Saturday Judge Schimel told a crowd in Western Wisconsin on Saturday that he had spoken with Trump and that he is going to weigh in and help on this race according to a report from The Leader Telegram of Eau Claire On Saturday Musk said that Judge Schimel was trailing in the race And Democrats are winning which is not good **RAWSEP Top Excerpt on the Trump factor in the Schimel machine** Judge Crawford faces Brad Schimel a conservative judge who received the Trump endorsement on Friday night and who is being aided by millions of dollars of spending from super PACs affiliated with Elon Musk the billionaire leading the Trump effort to cut costs across the federal government Judge Schimel and the Republican Party of Wisconsin have also yet to reveal their fund raising numbers from the latest reporting period **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times March 24 2025 Judge Susan Crawford the liberal candidate for the Wisconsin Supreme Court has raised \$24 million for the April 1 election a record for an American judicial candidate her campaign said on Monday Her war chest including \$17 million raised in the period from Feb 4 to March 17 2025 alone approaches that ordinarily expected of a candidate for governor Most of the money in the race will be spent by super PACs or funneled through the Wisconsin political parties State law permits the parties to raise unlimited sums which they can then transfer to endorsed candidates in unlimited amounts Candidates for the court however face limits of \$20000 per individual donor the Judge Crawford campaign said it had received contributions from 113000 donors since she entered the race over the summer She also expressed gratitude for what she called a historic outpouring of grass roots support across Wisconsin The Supreme Court race has already drawn \$80 million in total spending as of Friday With just over a week to go it is by far the most expensive judicial race in American history topping the \$55 million spent on the last Supreme Court election in Wisconsin in 2023 Liberals now hold a 4 to 3 majority on the court which is likely to rule on issues such as abortion rights and the Wisconsin congressional redistricting The winner will earn a 10 year term on the court Judge Crawford has now raised more herself than any nonfederal candidate in the history of Wisconsin except for current Democratic Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers The Democratic Party of Wisconsin which has endorsed Judge Crawford has not yet released its fund raising totals for the latest reporting period It is required to do so later in the day on Monday

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