Scare tactics

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor: I've been reading a lot of letters lately spewing the same Democratic hate rhetoric. Thomas K. of Cedarburg called 1,610,000 of his fellow sconnies "losers" and accuses them of being "home-grown terrorists." Thomas also brought up the "wall" at the border — I bet Thomas has a privileged life with a large gated property! "Swifties for Harris" — Taylor's own bff Brittany Mahomes had to ask social media to relax after she "liked" the GOP's platform. Democrats seem to organically grow hate and direct it towards others without prejudice. James K. of Cedarburg accuses Republicans of "fearing and seemingly not liking" immigrants, other races, LGBTQ community but how upto- date ARE his polling numbers?! I'd imagine it's got inflated stats.

Speaking of inflation, the death of 13 Marines pulling out of Afghanistan, the shipping container nightmare, when you couldn't even get baby formula, funding a war in Ukraine, turning a blind eye on Gaza. I could keep going. RFK has now dropped out. The descendant of one the most iconic Democratic Party leaders now supports the GOP nominee. In this two-pony race I'm not voting for a Democrat. She admitted during a 2021 interview with Lester Holt that she'd never been to the border, even though Biden put her in charge of the immigration crisis. She was a prosecutor of a sanctuary city. The same immigrants she supported she locked up! Sounds contradicting — yikes!

Joseph Streicher Cedarburg

Eric Hovde: The difference matters

To the editor: Would Senator Eric Hovde make a difference for Wisconsin? Yes. He is a fresh voice, energetic achiever and will vote in Washington to right the wrongs that Tammy Baldwin has allowed on her watch. Where was Baldwin for the last five years? Quiet as a mouse until her recent non-stop campaign ads. Inactivity is her calling card and a stain on Wisconsin's representation in Washington: Baldwin's office sat on whistleblower information that could have protected veterans. I think Wisconsin deserves Eric Hovde for an active, charitable, engaging voice in Washington.

Can voting for Eric Hovde change anything? Yes. Baldwin wasted years inert in her Senate seat and relaxing in her East Coast pad nodding off to Biden-Harris incompetence: Printing dollars because Washington spent money we don't have on things we don't want, causing inflation and high mortgages? Baldwin went along with it; Hovde is a firm no. Open the border, invite and transport migrants? Baldwin went along with it; Hovde is a firm no. Guys in girls bathrooms and sports? Baldwin went along with the gender chaos and men's invasion of women's private spaces; Hovde is a firm no. Bail on our friends,

opening the globe to war, unrest and economic uncertainty? Baldwin went along with it; Hovde would be a steadfast ally to friends and bulwark to foes.

Eric Hovde is not just another political rubber stamp. He is different — a hardworking, common-sense banking executive with love and respect for Wisconsin's people. I believe Hovde has the smarts, independent spine and charitable spirit to tackle Washington's issues with Wisconsin common sense. Every vote does matter and can change history. A vote for Eric Hovde for senator is what our families, Wisconsin and America needs.

Steve Leonard Cedarburg

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It is imperative to vote yes on MTSD referendum

To the editor: I am writing to urge all of you to support the upcoming Mequon-Thiensville School District referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot. As one of the top 10 school districts in Wisconsin, we have a long history of fiscal responsibility and excellence in education. For over a decade, we have maintained a strong (Aaa) bond rating from Moody's, a testament to our prudent financial management.

Despite our efforts, we face significant financial challenges. MTSD is deemed a "property rich" district by the state and thus receives only 2.6% of our funding from state aid, with the remainder coming from local taxes. There has been grid lock for years in the state Legislature around updating the school funding formula, which is one of the main reasons that our district, along with many others, is in this predicament.

The referendum is crucial. Without it, we are projected to face a \$6 million deficit this school year. Such a shortfall would inevitably impact the quality of education that our students receive. Our district has done everything possible to mitigate this, but without additional funding, the consequences will be dire.

I encourage everyone to vote in favor of this referendum! A strong educational system benefits our entire community. Well-educated students contribute to a vibrant, prosperous society and enhance our property values. Investing in our schools is investing in the future of our community.

Please support our schools by voting YES on the referendum. Your vote is vital to maintaining the high standards of education that have become a hallmark of our district.

Kim Ebinger Mequon

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