

Madigan denies wrongdoing in wake of latest indictments

The House Speaker issues a statement after the indictment of former ComEd CEO Anne Pramaggiore and three others, including former ComEd lobbyist Michael McClain and former City Club President Jay Doherty.

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House Speaker Michael Madigan

House Speaker Mike Madigan has issued a lengthy statement denying any wrongdoing in response to [last night's indictments](#) of longtime confidant Mike McClain and former ComEd officials.

"If there was credible evidence that I had engaged in criminal misconduct, which I most certainly did not, I would be charged with a crime. But I have not, and with good reason because

there is nothing wrong or illegal about making job recommendations, regardless of what people inside ComEd may have hoped to achieve from hiring some of the people who were recommended," Madigan said in the statement. (*Read the full statement below.*)

"Nothing in this indictment or in the earlier filings alleges that I did anything in my official capacity related to ComEd's legislative agenda as a result of whatever internal decisions ComEd made or didn't make. Any such allegation would be false," he continued, and defended his tenure atop the party and in the Illinois House. "I anticipate some will be disappointed that I was not a party to this indictment and find it difficult to swallow the fact that I have not been accused of or charged with any wrongdoing. These same individuals will likely claim this indictment should end my tenure as a public official, even though it alleges no criminal conduct on my part, nor does it allege I had knowledge of any criminal conduct by others."

His statement came as three more House Democrats—Jonathan Carroll, Sam Yingling, and Will Guzzardi—publicly stated they would not support Madigan as Speaker in January.

A back-bench revolt has already been brewing. [Earlier this week](#), four House Democrats called for Madigan to step aside. The three that announced today could be crucial: they bring Madigan under the 60-vote threshold he needs to retain the position he's held for all

but two years since 1983. Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Aurora, is already running against him.

More to come.