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Neubauer Praises Order Postponing Election Due to COVID-19

Delaying in-person voting protects lives, supports democracy

MADISON – Today, Governor Tony Evers released an Executive Order delaying the April 7th, 2020 election until June 9th, 2020, in order to protect the lives of Wisconsinites and slow the spread of COVID-19. The order provides that ballots already cast will be counted, absentee ballots will be allowed to be cast through June 9th, and in-person voting will take place on June 9th, unless the Legislature and the Governor agree on a new date. Rep. Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) released the following statement in support of delaying in-person voting:

“Over the last several weeks, I have heard from many members of our community sharing very real concerns about the risk an in-person election on April 7th poses to the lives and health of the people of Racine. Thank you for fighting so hard to protect our families and neighbors.

“I took these concerns to heart and have been working for several weeks to find ways to protect our community’s safety and the integrity of our elections. I had hoped to resolve this issue through bipartisan agreement in the legislature. However, in the last week, it became clear that Republican leadership would continue to ignore their responsibility to the people of this state.

“I have continued working with local and state leaders to find other avenues to suspend in-person voting on April 7th, and I truly appreciate their efforts in pushing for this resolution. I know this has been difficult for everyone in our community, and I want to express deep gratitude to Governor Tony Evers for acting today.

“As elected officials, it is our responsibility to protect the lives of our constituents and the integrity of our democracy. Forcing voters to decide between their health and their right to vote is not free or fair. The choice to delay an election is not easy, but it was necessary in the midst of this unprecedented crisis. I hope that with this delay, the legislature can come together to develop a comprehensive plan to address the impact of COVID-19 throughout our state, including on future elections.”

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