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Why are the Republicans afraid of more people voting?

MADISON - The will of the people can only prevail through free and fair elections, and that begins with the equal opportunity to vote. The election bills brought to the floor of the Senate today interfere with the freedom to vote, the most basic freedom in our democracy. There is a GOP effort underway, across the nation – and here in Wisconsin - to stop people from voting. Why are the Republicans afraid of more people voting?

As an American, few things are more important than the right to vote. We must ensure all people, regardless of their circumstances have their right to vote respected. Everyone deserves the opportunity to have their voices heard and to be able to participate in elections. The responsibility of the Legislature is to facilitate and protect that right, not draft legislation that limits it.

These bills are based on false claims of irregularities in the November 2020 election and continue to feed the “Big Lie” that our elections are not free or fair. There are actions that we could be doing to improve our voting process; these bills are not that. Casting doubt on the validity of our elections seems to be a cover for the Republican’s efforts to disenfranchise people who disagree with them.

For democracy to work for all of us, it should include us all. Every American deserves the right to have the access and the ability to vote on decisions that affect our lives.

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