



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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May 19, 2016

Senator Alberta Darling
317 East, State Capitol

Rep. John Nygren
309 East, State Capitol

RE: Considering the §13.10 request by GAB for \$250,000 to fund a Voter ID public information campaign

Dear Sen. Darling and Rep. Nygren,

On May 10th, 2016, the Government Accountability Board (GAB) requested funding in the amount of \$250,000 to fulfill a public information campaign that was authorized in 2011 Act 23, which established photo ID requirements for voters. We ask that you schedule a meeting of the committee to consider approving the request.

Please consider these issues: First, the funds originally allocated in 2011 (\$751,300) for the public information campaign are no longer available having been lapsed into the General Fund due to several lawsuits. To date, only \$448,039 has been spent for this purpose. Second, if this request is approved, it clearly fulfills statutory intent since the public information campaign was part of the original law. Third, with an impending presidential election in November that will draw around three million Wisconsin voters to the polls, we'd like to make sure Election Day runs smoothly. This money will be used to provide further information to the public so that every legal voter has ample opportunity to be prepared to vote on Aug. 9th and Nov. 8th.


It is our understanding your committee has the discretionary monies available to fulfill the long-delayed voter information campaign. In anticipation of a record number of votes possibly being cast in Wisconsin in November, please consider our request a top priority. The public information campaign should commence as soon as practical prior to the media being inundated with candidate advertising. Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,

Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt


Rep. Jim Steineke

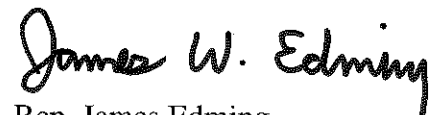
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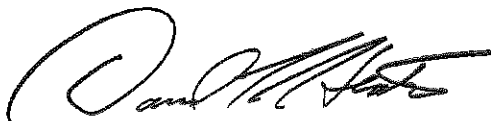

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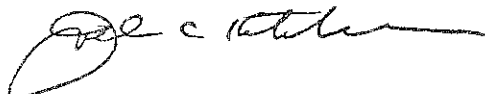
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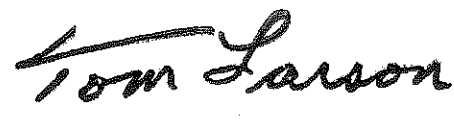
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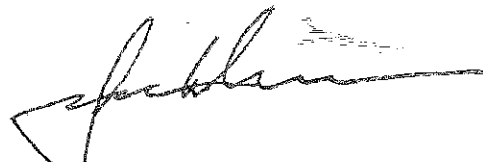

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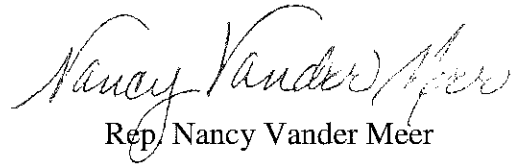
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