



Wisconsin Ethics Commission

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DATE: December 22, 2017

TO: The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald, Majority Leader

FROM: David Halbrooks, Ethics Commission Chair
Katie McCallum, Ethics Commission Vice-Chair

SUBJECT: Ethics Administrator – Confirmation Hearing

Senator Fitzgerald:

On December 22nd the Wisconsin Ethics Commission unanimously agreed to request that Ethics Commission Administrator Brian Bell be given a public hearing prior to a vote as to his confirmation.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 22, nominations submitted to the Senate are to be referred to the standing committee that the president deems to be the most appropriate committee to pass upon the qualifications of the candidate. The committee shall report its finding and recommendations to the Senate in writing. The Senate Committee on Elections and Utilities conducted a hearing for both of the Governor's appointees to the Ethics Commission on April 5, 2017. We would ask that the same consideration be given to the Commission's choice of Administrator.

At our December 5th meeting, the Ethics Commission unanimously determined that Mr. Bell's performance as Administrator exceeded expectations and we would welcome the opportunity to speak to his qualifications before the Senate votes on his confirmation.

As the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission, we would appreciate your prompt consideration of the Commission's request for a public hearing and are available to speak with you or your staff at your convenience.

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Administrator

Brian M. Bell, MPA