

November 8, 2021

The Honorable Robin Vos
Wisconsin State Assembly
Room 217 West, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Speaker Vos,

Year after year, Wisconsin election officials deliver accurate, secure, and accessible elections that give voice to the citizens of the state. Each of your Members was elected under that system. The success of Wisconsin's elections, even as the last two presidential elections were decided by nearly identical margins, is a credit to the work of all election officials in the state, but in particular, those that work in the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC). As you know, you championed the creation of the WEC, replacing the Government Accountability Board, and you and your fellow legislators dictated the exact structure and terms of the agency. And it has performed admirably.

Much of the success of Wisconsin's elections is due to the competence and excellence of the person who was chosen to lead the agency, Meagan Wolfe. Ms. Wolfe is one of the most highly-skilled election administrators in the country, respected widely by election officials in Wisconsin and throughout the nation. Wisconsin is lucky to have her, and it would be hard to identify many election officials with more expertise, dedication, and integrity than Ms. Wolfe, who achieves all this within the highest standards of nonpartisan fairness.

Nevertheless, it seems that some, unhappy with an election that has been upheld and verified by members of both parties, and judges appointed by both parties, for over a year, now seek to tarnish her good name in an attempt to bully her into resigning. If this is being done so that she can be replaced by someone more pliable to those pursuing partisan aims, it would contravene the very purpose of the WEC that you created.

We, the undersigned, represent election officials and experts, and others concerned about American democracy. We are both Democrats and Republicans, and come from both red and blue states. And we stand against politicization of the process that's being attempted in Wisconsin, and for the type of nonpartisan, expert administration you envisioned when you established the WEC.

Over the past year, attacks on professional election administrators throughout the nation have increased exponentially. These attacks have been directed at Democrats, Republicans, and nonpartisans, at Secretaries of State and volunteer poll workers, and at families and children. There have been threats on the lives of public servants and their families, and attacks on their livelihoods and professionalism. It saddens us greatly to see the State of Wisconsin become ground zero for this harassment.

We hope that you and your colleagues will speak out against this line of harassment and speak truth to all Wisconsin voters – that their interests are well-served by the current leadership of the WEC, and that they can be confident in the results, regardless of whether their candidate wins or loses. And no one is better situated to competently continue that tradition in Wisconsin than the WEC's current Election Administrator, Meagan Wolfe.

Yours truly,

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