



# JANEL STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRANDTJEN



## Threats Against Election Officials Won't Solve Election Integrity

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Madison – State Representative Janel Brandtjen released the following statement regarding recent threats against WEC Administrator Wolfe:

"Threatening Administrator Meagan Wolfe, or any election official, is unacceptable and counterproductive. Venting frustrations on individuals like Wolfe, clerks, or poll workers is not only illegal but also harmful to rebuilding trust in our elections. Threats only undermine our Republic and empower the courts and media. It's essential to address any concerns about election processes through legal channels. Threats have no place in our democracy.

Wolfe's term has indeed expired, and according to Wisconsin Statutes [15.61\(1\)\(b\)1](#), she should be removed, but Republicans are too worried about the press or too compromised to follow existing law.

It's disappointing that Senator Dan Knodl and Representative Scott Krug, chairs of the election committees, have not exercised their investigative and subpoena powers. This inaction has allowed the neglect of essential laws, such as providing ballots to individuals declared incompetent, lack of checks in military ballot requests, an insecure online system, and improper guidance on voting for homeless individuals without proper documentation.

The Legislature, particularly Speaker Vos' control, is responsible for the frustration caused by election irregularities due to their inaction.

We used to believe that we could enact change through the ballot box, but now, with the integrity of our elections being questioned, some are losing faith. This loss of faith is a significant concern that we must address to maintain the strength of our democracy."

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