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Wisconsin Elections Commission
201 West Washington Avenue, Second Floor
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Administrator Wolfe & Commissioners:

Last Thursday's Informational Hearing for the committee on Campaigns and Elections discussed adjudicated individuals under guardianship. These are people whose voting rights have been revoked by the courts due to memory or mental health deterioration. In Wisconsin, CCAP (accessible to the public) clarifies which individuals have been marked as "incompetent" by the courts. Attorney Erick Kaardal stated that adjudicated individuals under guardianship have not been removed from our voter rolls or the WisVote system because the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) is not properly removing them. We believe this violates statute 6.03(a), which disqualifies electors who are incapable of understanding the objective of the electoral process as determined by the courts.

We only want the best for our citizens under guardianship care and do not want them taken advantage of by easily being persuaded into voting for specific candidates. Issuing a ballot when individuals have been put under the protection of a court-ordered guardianship is unprofessional and inappropriate. WEC is permitting this to happen knowing that these individuals can be identified on CCAP, yet are not removed from the WisVote system. WEC is literally condoning elder abuse.

As members of the Legislature, we demand that WEC notify all municipal clerks to remove citizens marked as incompetent by CCAP under guardianship, and restrict them from receiving a ballot in the 2022 fall election and in future elections. We must protect our most vulnerable citizens.

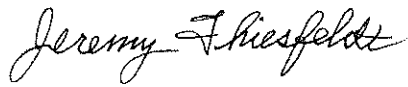
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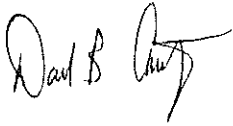
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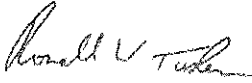
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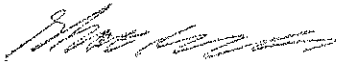
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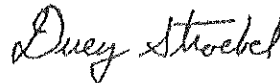
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Representative Tittel



Representative Sortwell



Senator Stroebel